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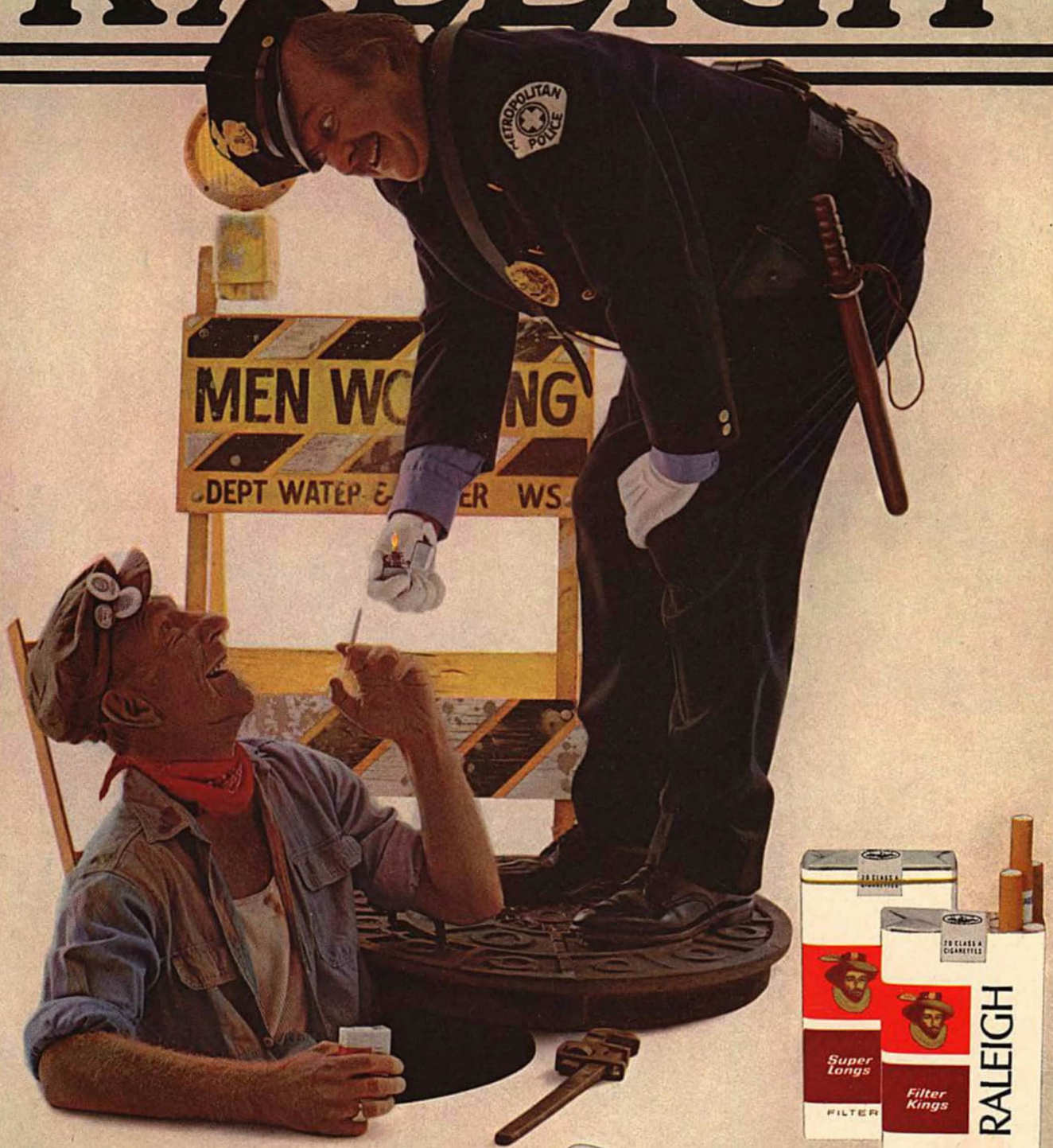

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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ON June 9, 1976, James Aloysius Farley, Sr., died in his New York apartment at the advanced age of 88.

Simply known as Jim to THE RING, Farley left behind him a lot of personal achievements, and many, too, for the benefit of mankind.

He made a governor of the state of New York, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and a President of the United States from that same FDR. Farley created a solid image of a concerned, honest citizen.

Here, we are concerned mainly with the tremendous good Jim, Jr., achieved for boxing in the state of New York, and for that matter, the entire United States.

As chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, a position now held by Farley's son, Jim, Jr., Farley, Sr., fought for honesty in competition, honesty in match making, and honesty in contractual relations, especially in the matter of respecting signatures and promises.

Jim's tenure as chairman of the New York Commission was marked by a decision which may have had a bearing on the list of world heavyweight champions.

There was a national, even international, clamor for a match between Jack Dempsey, then the title holder, and Harry Wills, at the time the leading black heavyweight of the world.

Wills was a highly competent fighter. He was liked universally, admired as a fighter no less widely. By many experts Wills was rated a better fighter, certainly a better boxer, than the Manassa Mauler.

Jack Kearns felt that Dempsey could beat Wills. A promoter tried to get an early hold on the match and got Jack the Giant Killer's signature for $50,000.

The matter of the Dempsey-Wills match came before the New York Commission when a kink developed.

James A. Farley, Sr., held that Dempsey had promised, for due consideration, to meet Wills. But Tex Rickard had first call on Dempsey's ring services.

Rickard announced that he would not promote a Dempsey-Wills contest or any other mixed match, that is, white vs. black.

Farley stood firm. Rickard was just as insistent.

As a result of this stalemate there never was a Dempsey-Wills fight.

Rickard's sense of judgment toward Wills's color was not to be admired, but Tex's judgment as a promoter was vindicated.

Forced by Farley's adamant stand that Dempsey would not be permitted to enter into his next New York contest unless it was with Wills, Rickard took Dempsey and Gene Tunney over to Philadelphia. There Dempsey lost his title to the Marine.

Interest in a rematch developed tremendously, with the result that Tex had to go to Chicago and its enormous Soliders' Field, where on September 22, 1927, 104,943 fans paid a record of $2,658,660. Tunney won again.

The Farley decision on the Dempsey-Wills contract stands out as the most important in fistic jurisprudence and it is questionable if there will be another like it in heavyweight history.

In his later years Jim was connected with the Coca Cola Company. It is believed that Jim was instrumental in getting the European agency for Max Schmeling, for whom the franchise has made a million.

Before Senior died he finished a book which is being awaited with great interest by both boxing fans and students of politics.

Skipping the political impact, the book will be read with great interest for its evidence of Jim's vigilance as chairman of the Boxing Commission.

In one fight, at least, he used a referee to listen in on intermittent conversation between boxers who were found to have been fakers. Does Farley expose any others?

James Aloysius Farley, Sr., left behind a difficult precident for his son to follow as head of the New York State Boxing Commission. Or, as it is called to take in wrestling, the Athletic Commission.

Farley, Jr. faces a lot of exciting action as New York has entered on a series of rallies with the Ali-Norton and Frazier-Foreman fights. He has been working hard to bring New York back to its rightful place as the center for world boxing.

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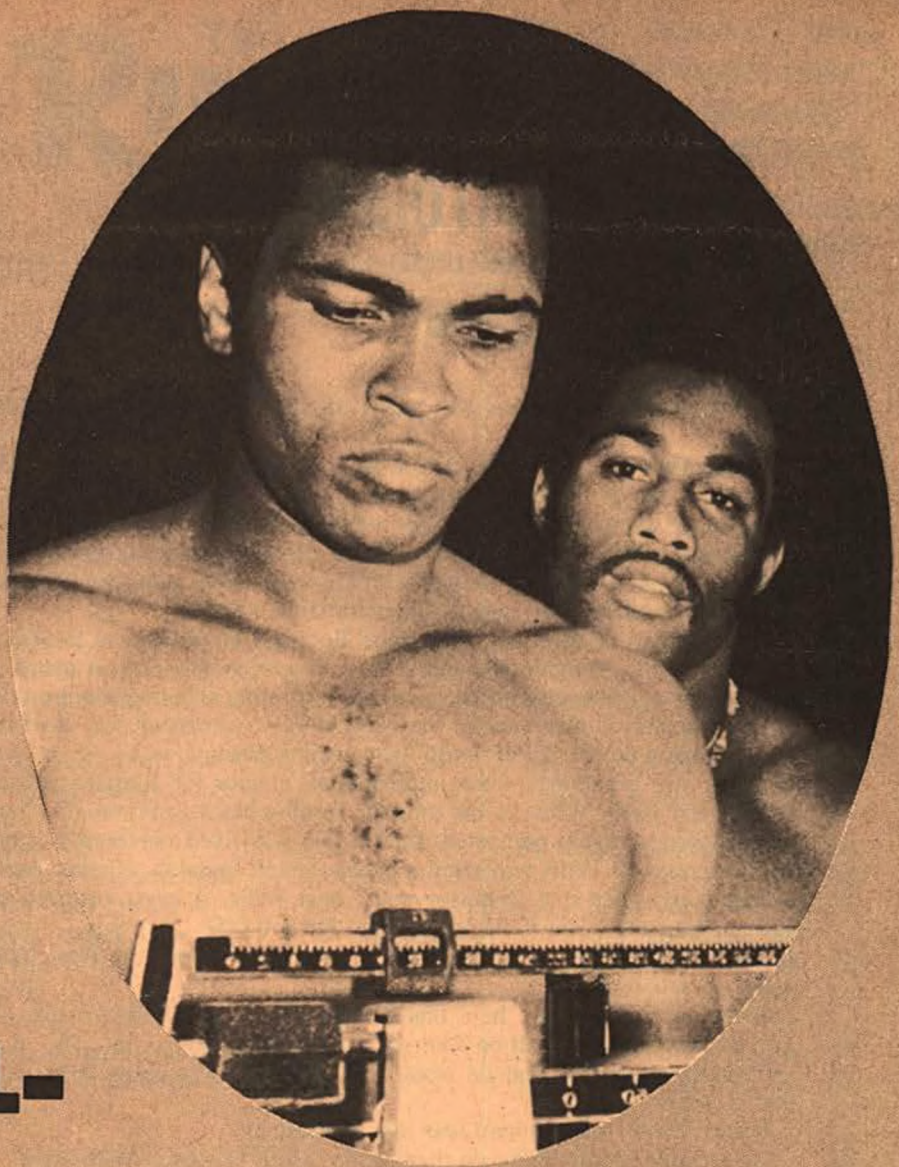

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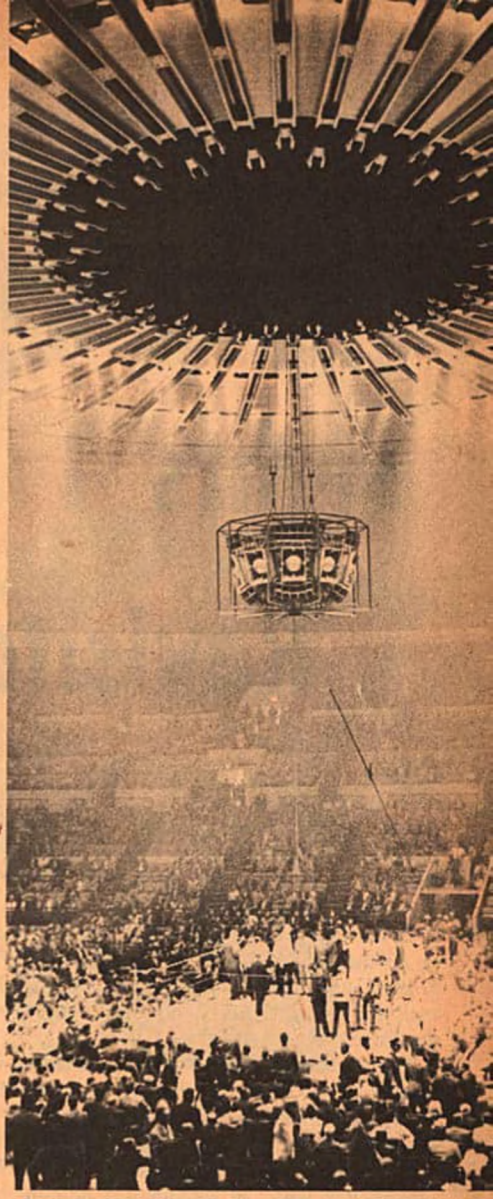
Ali-Norton Pre-Fight Portfolio



The Ali-Norton Fight of Fights has been a bout vied for by groups all over the world, but Mike Burke, of Madison Square Garden, has landed the promotion. The Garden itself (seen to the right) is unavailable due to the Democratic Convention, so the fight is booked for the newly renovated Yankee Stadium (above) on September 28.

BURKE REVEALS INSIDE STORY OF LANDING ALI-NORTON FOR GARDEN

By DAN DANIEL

THIS is a story about big fight promotion drama, about the approaching Ali-Norton battle, which was to be held under the auspices of the meteoric Don King and is now to be fought on September 28 in Yankee Stadium under the management of Madison Square Garden and its president, Mike Burke.

How did this come about? How, over night, did Don King have to cancel his plans to fly to the Near East to clinch a deal for some nine or ten million dollars with which to promote the fight, which is expected to close the ring career of Muhammad Ali?

How did it happen that when King was busy with arrangements for the classic achievement of his career he found himself ousted by the top functionaries of the Black Muslims in Chicago, Wallace Muhammad and Herbert Muhammad?

How did it happen that Mike Burke, with the Garden apparently out of major boxing, was able to seize victory out of failure and despair and lead the Garden into an enterprise demanding millions?

What brought about the change of Garden policy and a change in Muslim maneuvering which had formerly not welcomed dealing with Caucasians?

First let us reveal the details of the victory for Burke, the Garden, New York and Yankee Stadium.

When Mike Burke asked Steinbrenner for permission to schedule the Fight of Fights for the baseball arena, Burke's place among the 21 stockholders in the Stadium persuaded Steinbrenner to agree. There had been major fights galore in the Stadium before the structure was rebuilt.

An interview with Burke in his Garden office explained the presence of lawyer-promoter Bob Arum in the organization which is running the arrangements for the contest.

"I brought Arum into the picture because of his superb experience in directing the closed circuit part of the investment. He is to be helped by Mike Malitz, who is also expert in closed circuit enterprises."

How did he get negotiations with the Muslims going when it appeared certain that King was going ahead with the promotion? Burke opened," I asked Charles Lomax, one of the Muslim officials.

"I told him that the Garden was set on bringing Ali back to New York and into the Stadium.

"Lomax replied, 'We have been talking about the Ali-Norton fight with several groups, including a Boston syndicate led by Mrs. Hall, a local black school teacher who had been negotiating with Herbert.

There also had been talks with people in Michigan about locating the fight in the Pontiac Stadium. This brought in Coleman Young.'

"I asked Lomax if anybody had come up with the necessary money and he replied, 'Herbert will be in New York in a few days.'

"Herbert did come to town and we had a meeting.

"We did not take long in reaching an agreement. For the Garden I agreed to give Ali six million dollars plus 50 percent above a certain figure. Closed circuit revenues and the gate figured in the arrangement.

"Herbert was pleased with the Garden proposition and he asked me to come to Chicago to close the deal.

"That same day I flew to San Diego to confer with Bob Biron, Norton's manager. I signed Norton and found myself with the Fight of Fights assured to the Garden, to

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ALI-NORTON No. 1

Ali-Norton Fights 1 & 2 Revisited

Ken Norton, right, and Muhammad Ali square off in round one of their first fight, on March 31, 1973, in San Diego. The bout was to have been a tune-up fight for Ali before he faced Joe Frazier, who was then world heavyweight champion.

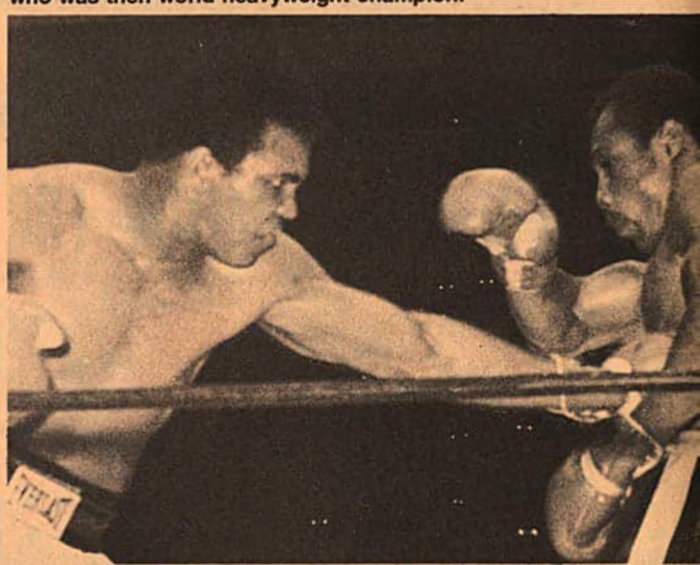
WE had Ali-Frazier parts 1, 2, and 3! Now it's time for the last chapter in the Norton-Ali series which has seen two bouts prior to the grand finale booked for Yankee Stadium on September 28. The first two bouts were held on March 31, 1973, in San Diego, and September 10, 1973, in Los Angeles.

In the first bout, many people felt that Ken Norton was going to be another one of Ali's "bum of the month" selections, which was a gross underestimation of the California heavyweight. Ali, too, took the contest lightly and trained for it like he was later to do for the Jimmy Young fight.

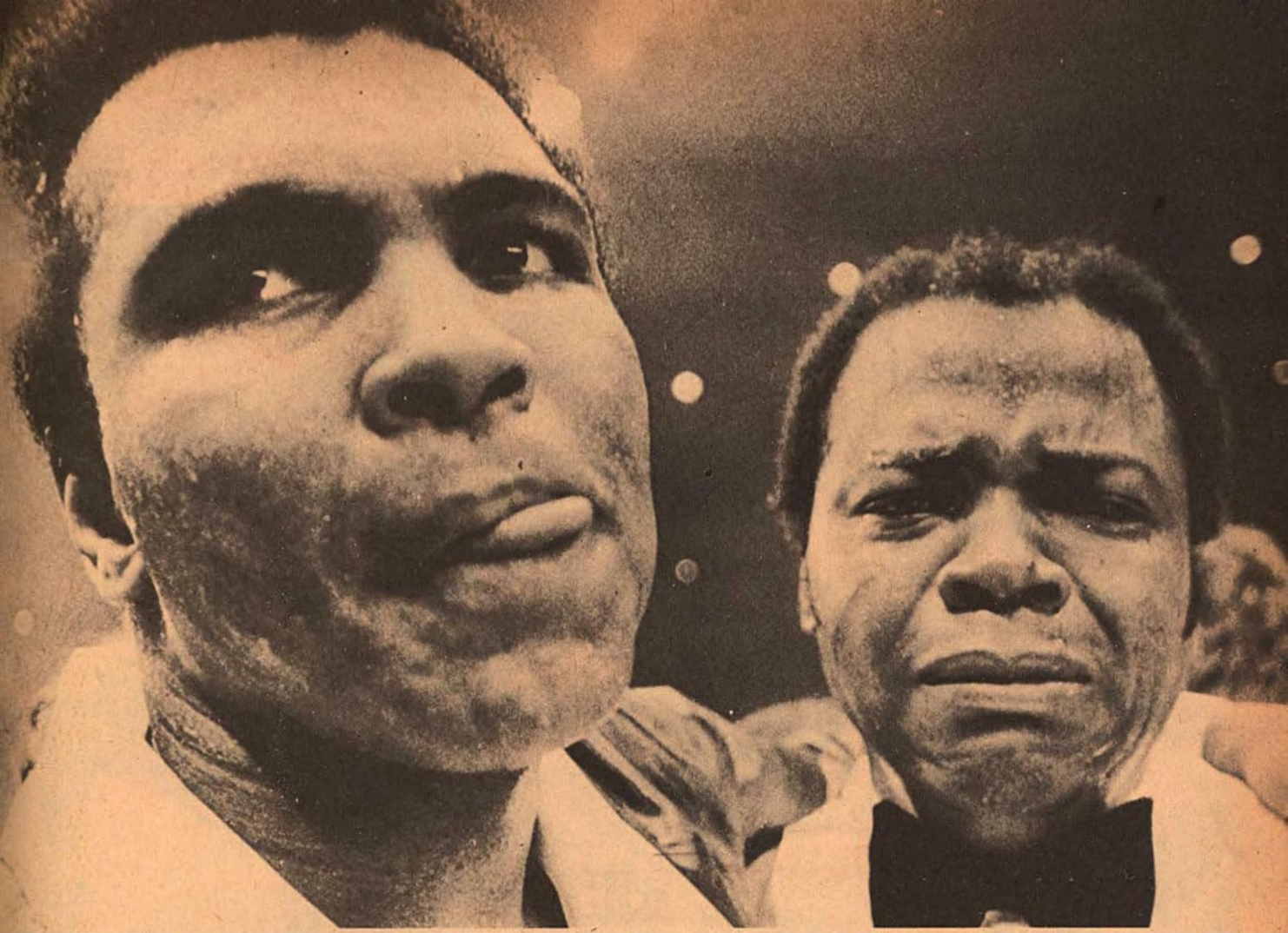
Norton-Ali number 1 was to have been the tune-up for an Ali-Frazier title contest, but history had something else in mind, and George Foreman, an Olympic hero, kayoed Mr. Frazier to win the heavyweight title.

The first bout itself was a dull contest. Norton pressed Ali most of the way with the Muhammad holding Norton off most of the time with left jabs. The famous Ali broken-jaw was supposed to have taken place in round one, if one listens to the Ali camp, but most ringside reporters and Norton's people feel that the real damage was done in the sixth, eleventh, or twelfth round.

The scoring of that contest is as follows: referee Frank Rustick

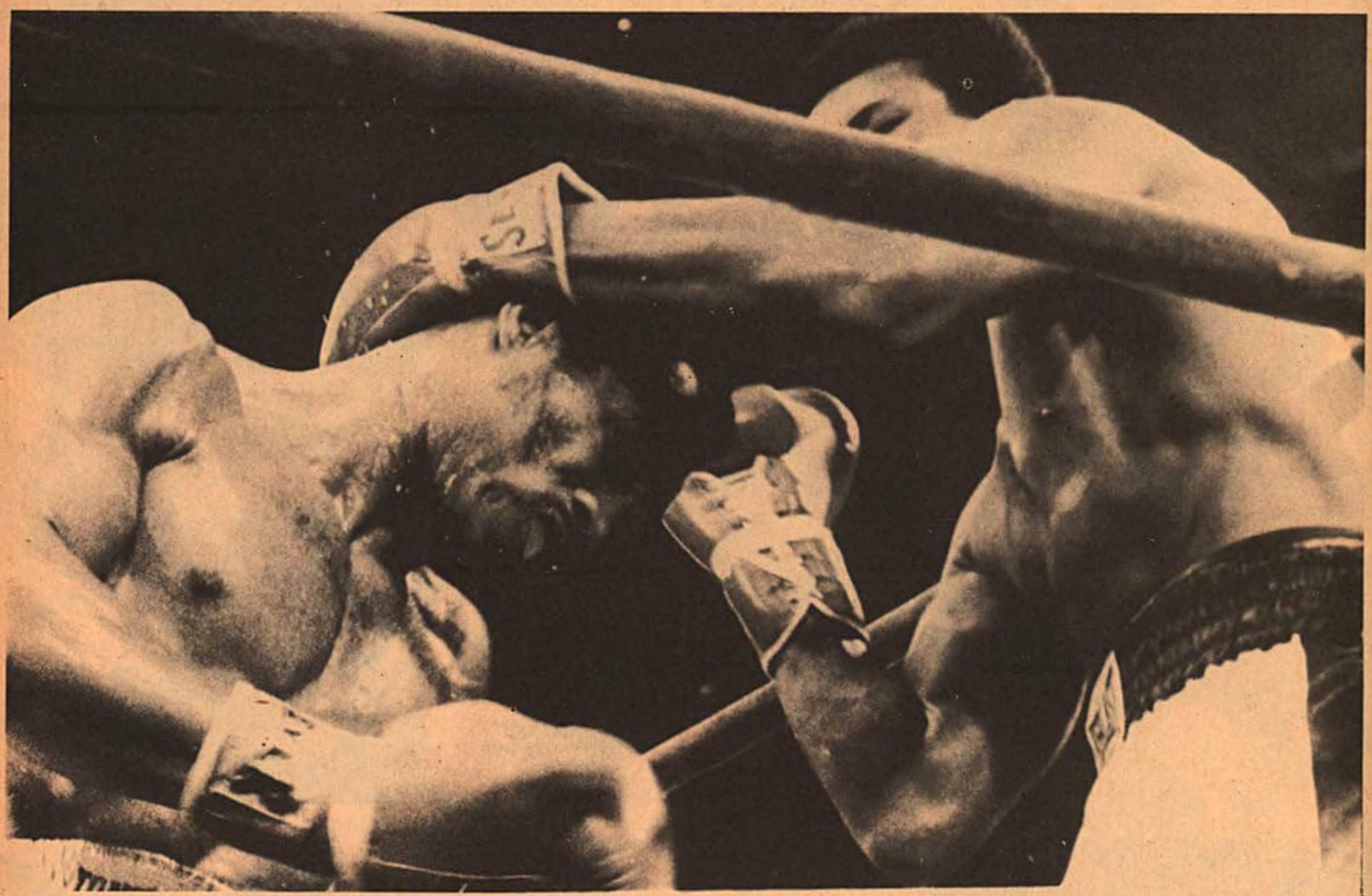


In spite of the fact that the bout became famous because of the broken jaw incurred by Ali, the fight itself was pretty dull, with Norton pressing most of the way. (Above) Norton takes a left to the mid-section from Ali, who had not trained very hard for the bout. (Left) Ali recoils from a solid left delivered by Norton, supposedly the under dog.

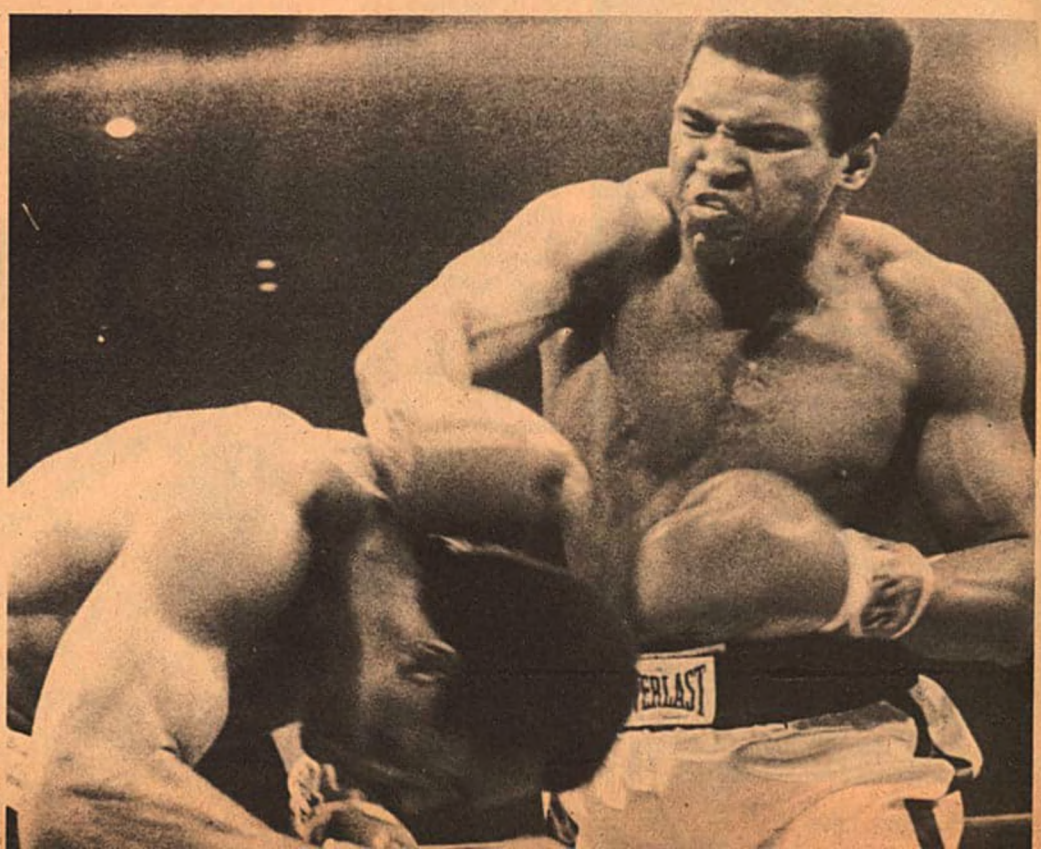


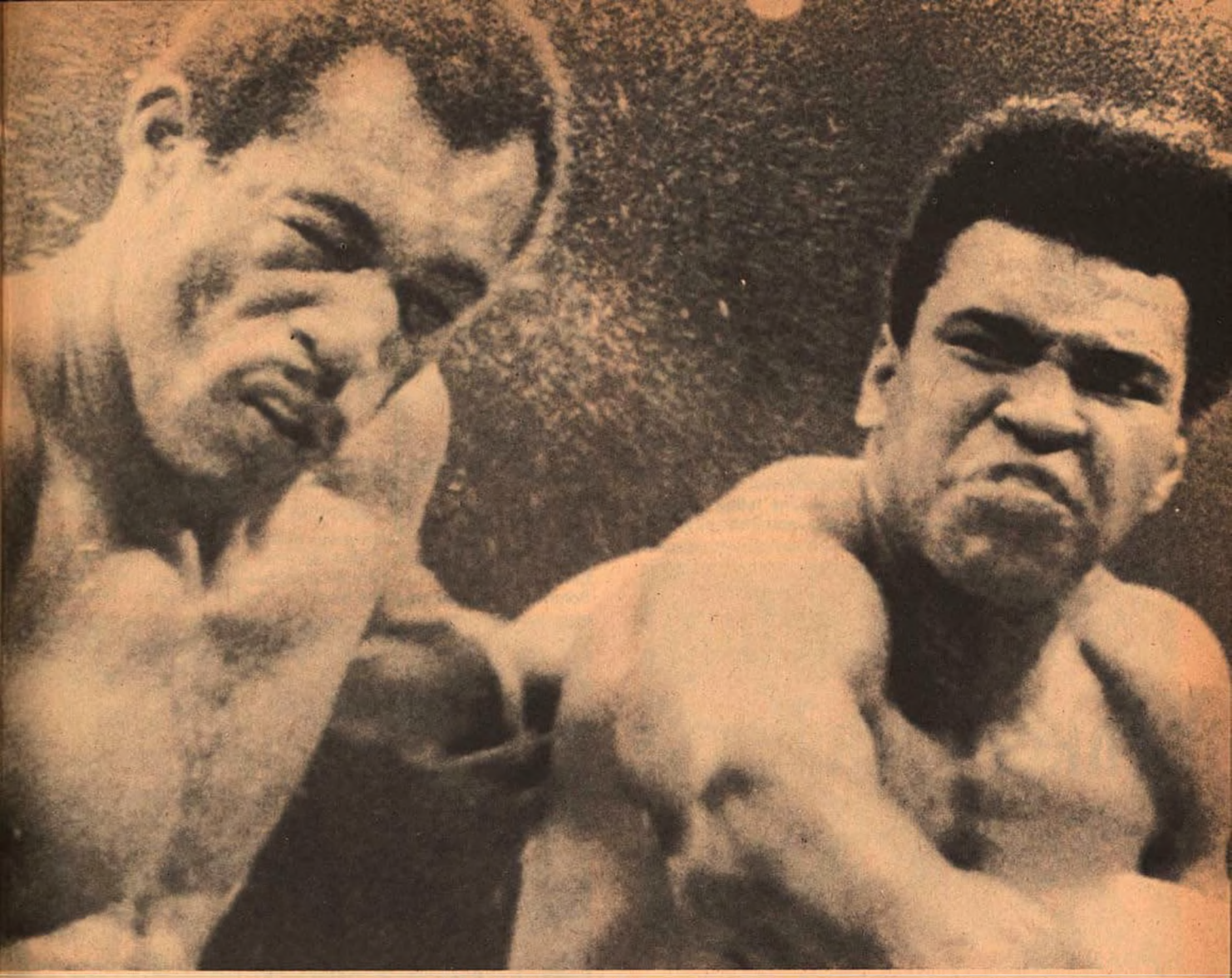
(Above) Ali leaves the ring with one of his handlers at the close of the 12 round bout which Ali lost by a split decision. Note the swollen jaw. (Left) a jubilant Ken Norton talks to reporters after the fight. (Right) Norton visits Ali in the hospital where the ex-champ was being treated for a broken jaw. Ali's people claimed the jaw was broken in round one, Norton's, in round six, eleven, or twelve.

ALI-NORTON No. 2



September 10, 1973, Los Angeles, California, saw the tables turned on Norton. Ali was lighter and faster than in his first encounter with Ken, and it showed from the moment the first bell rang until the close of the twelfth round. Again there was a split decision, but this time in Ali's favor. (Above) Norton ducks a flurry of punches in the sixth round, the best round of the fight. In that round both men gave it everything they had. (Right) A mean looking Ali throws a right to the head of a ducking Norton.





(Above) Muhammad Ali scores with a hard right to the head of Ken Norton in the twelfth and final round, which Ali won by a wide margin. Norton, caught off guard by a series of rapid shots, couldn't quite pull it all together again. (Below) Ali tells reporters how he won his rematch against Norton.

had it 7-5 for Norton; judge Fred Hayes 6-5, Ali, and judge Hal Richards 5-4, Norton.

The bout was a home T.V. affair. Ali received $200,000, while Ken's purse was $50,000.

The second contest in the Ingelwood Forum, outside of Los Angeles, was a better bout than the first. It was a close contest, with Ali weighing in at 212, nine pounds less than the first time around. Norton also was five pounds lighter. He weighed in at 205.

The fight started very fast with Norton moving in against Ali, but not landing any telling blows. The first five rounds were all the ex-champ's, moving on his toes and scoring with his left jab and a few fast rights to the head of Norton.

The sixth round was the best of the fight from the standpoint of both men. They tagged each other with everything they had. The crowd was on its feet. Ali landed more blows, but Ken landed the harder shots.

From the seventh to the tenth it was all Norton. It looked like Muhammad had shot his load. Ken chased him around the ring, forcing Ali on the ropes, landing good shots to the body.

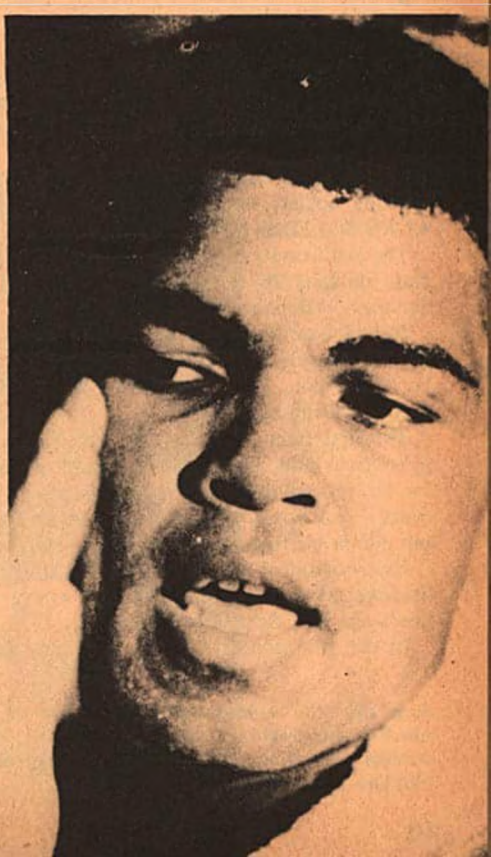
The eleventh round again started off as though it would be a Norton round. Ken kept the pressure up, forcing Ali to the ropes and scoring with rights to the body. Ali scored the best punch of the round, a right to Ken's jaw which hurt him, but then Muhammad didn't follow-up.

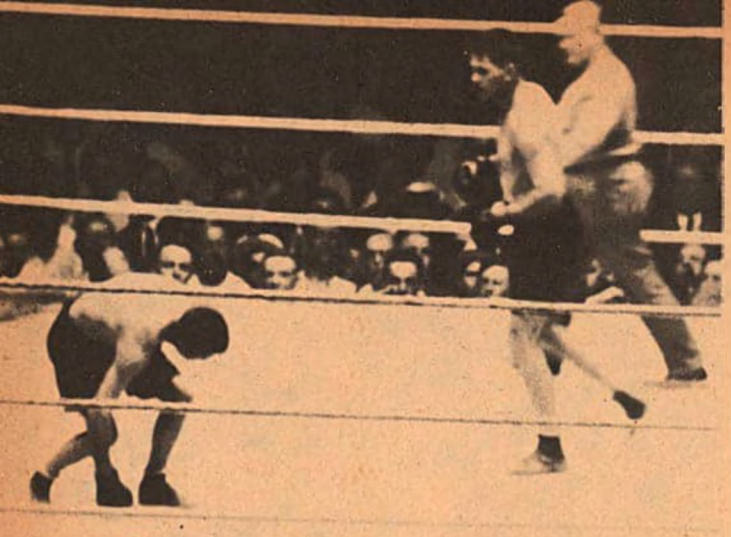
Muhammad came out fighting at the start of the twelfth round, landing rapid combinations in the center of the ring. Norton, caught off guard, could not pull it together again, and Ali won the round with a wide margin.

The scoring for the bout had judge George Latka 6-5, Norton; judge John Thomas 6-5, Ali and referee Dick Young 7-5, Ali.

Ali received better than $275,000, Norton got more than $200,000 for this closed-circuit T.V. show.

Two bouts, two split decisions, one for each. We now approach the third and final bout, which could be the last for the loser.





June 5, 1925 — Gene Tunney, standing, kayoed Tommy Gibbons in the twelfth round of their New York bout. The following year Tunney won the world heavyweight title from Jack Dempsey.

Louis-Schmeling, Yankee Stadium's Top Action?

By DAN DANIEL

CONTRARY to general belief, even among the experts, there were only 15 heavyweight championship fights in the first Yankee Stadium.

The first bout took place on July 26, 1928, when Gene Tunney, the title holder, stopped Tom Heeney in 11 rounds before only 45,000 fans. Then he said farewell to the ring.

The last heavyweight title fight in the first Yankee Stadium took place on June 26, 1959, when Ingemar Johansson stopped Floyd Patterson in three rounds for the world title.

It is a little known fact that the first fight held in a ball park occured on July 4, 1882, in Washington Park, home of the Brooklyn minor club. The great John L. Sullivan knocked out Jimmy Elliott in three rounds.

The first fight put on in the first Yankee Stadium was for the lightweight title, with Benny Leonard defending his championship for the second time against Lew Tendler. They went the full 15 rounds, and Benny did not have anywhere near the trouble he had run into in his first battle with Lew at Harrison, N.J.

Examination of the 15 heavyweight struggles held in the original Stadium gives the prize for surprise to the second meeting of Joe Louis and Max Schmeling on June 22, 1938.

In the first contest between Joe and the Uhlan, the German

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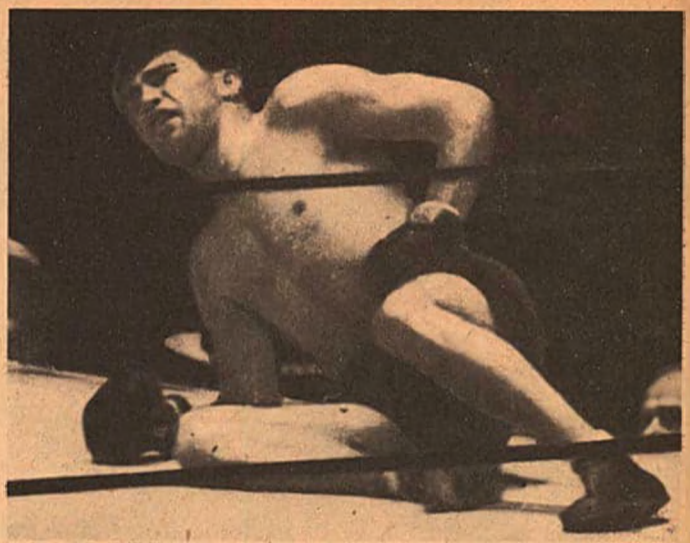
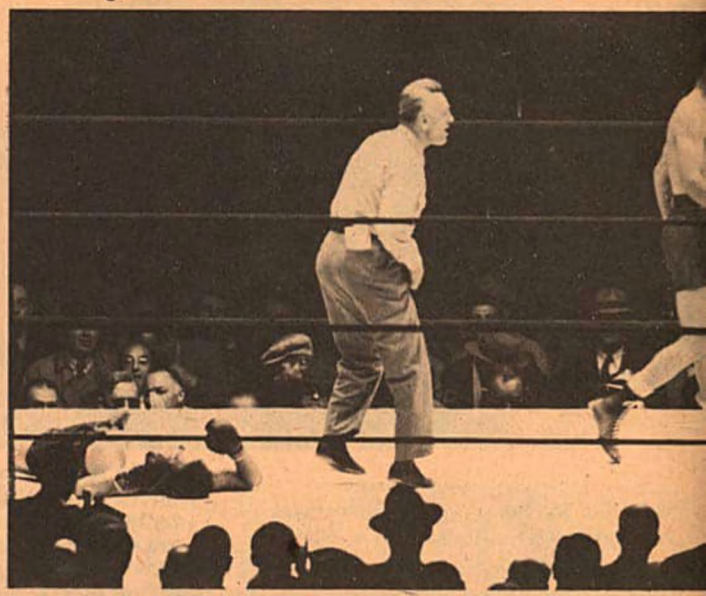
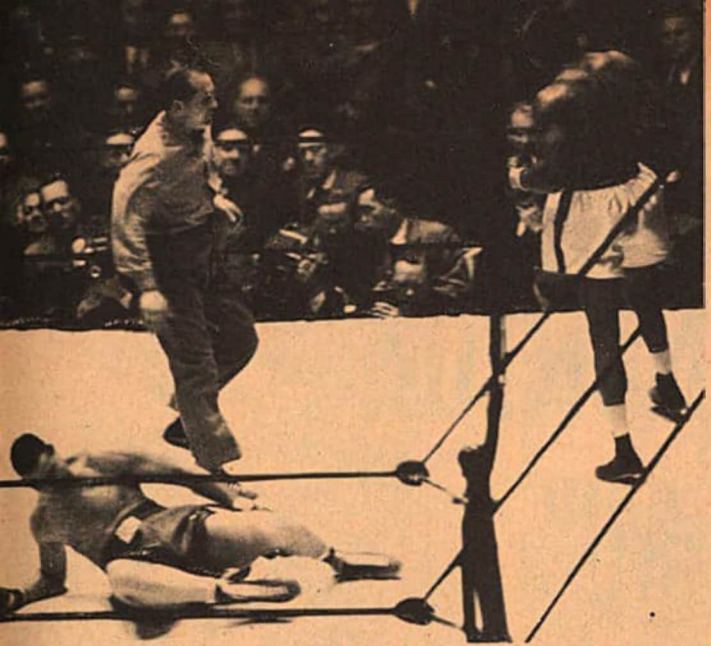
June 22, 1938 — Max Schmeling is on the mat in round one of his title bout with champion Joe Louis. With that KO, Louis achieved vindication for the humiliating defeat Schmeling dealt him two years earlier.



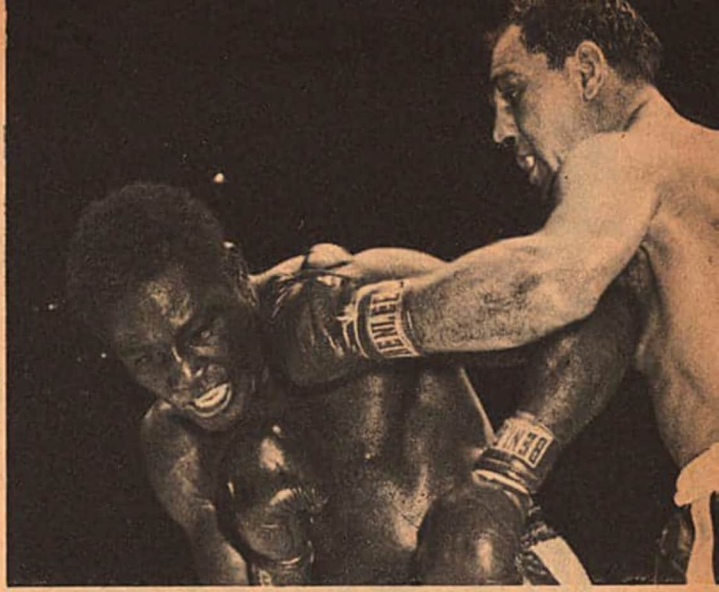
June 12, 1930 — Max Schmeling lies on the mat claiming a low punch in his bout against Jack Sharkey to determine who would be the successor for Tunney's vacated heavyweight crown. Schmeling was awarded the bout on a foul in round 4.



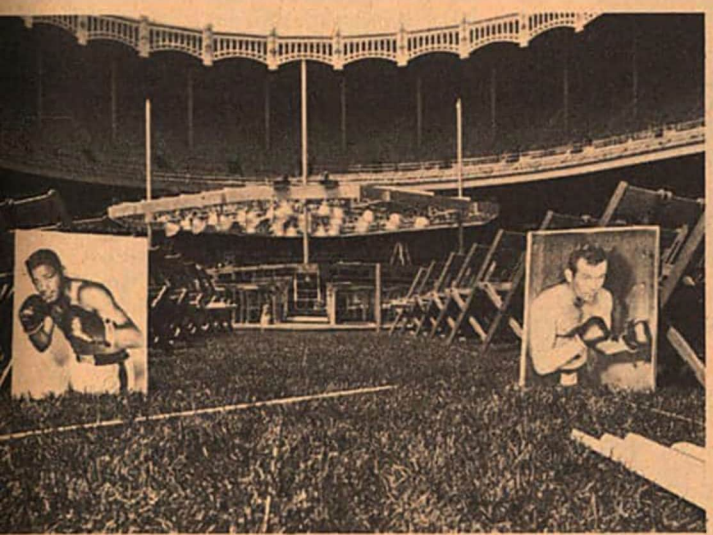
June 18, 1941 — In round 12, Billy Conn was outpointing heavyweight champ Joe Louis, but the Irishman became over ambitious, and instead of keeping away from Louis, went in for the kill, only to be knocked out by Louis in round 13.

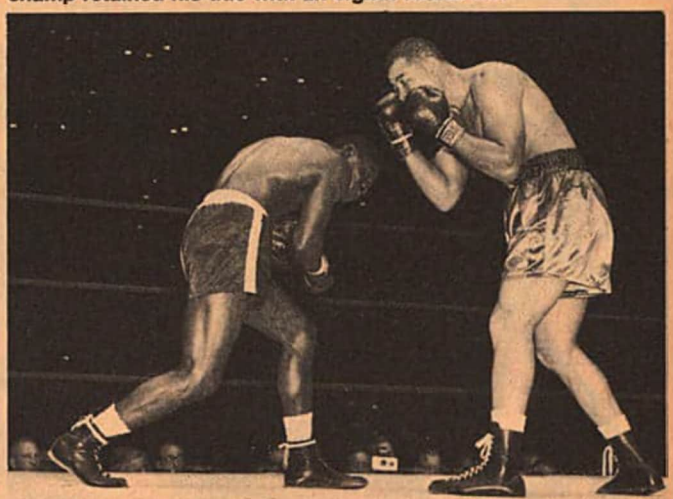


December 5, 1947 — Jersey Joe Walcott stands over heavyweight champ Joe Louis, but Louis came back to take the decision over 15 rounds.



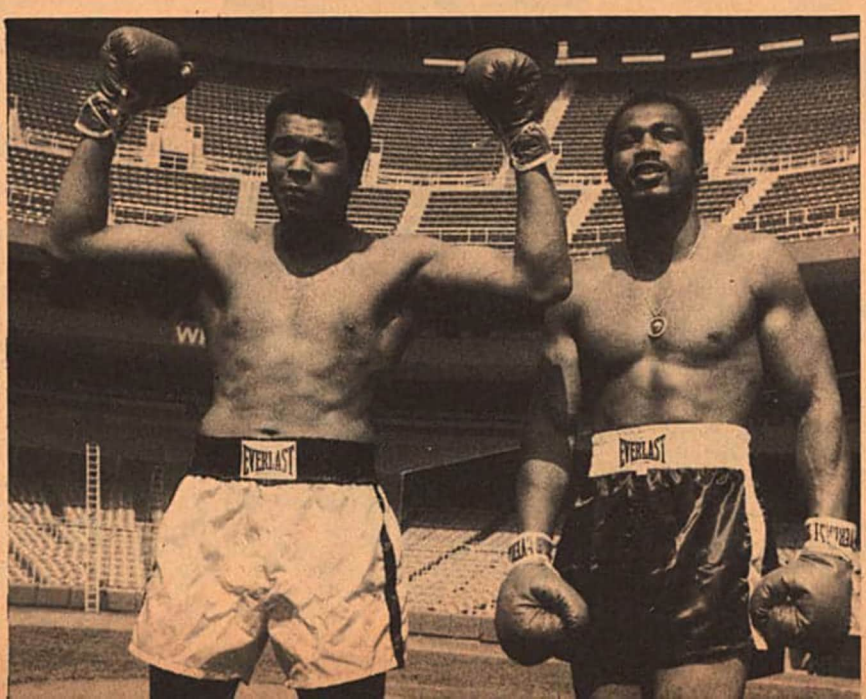
September 17, 1954 — Heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano tosses a hard left to the face of challenger Ezzard Charles. The champ retained his title with an eighth round KO.





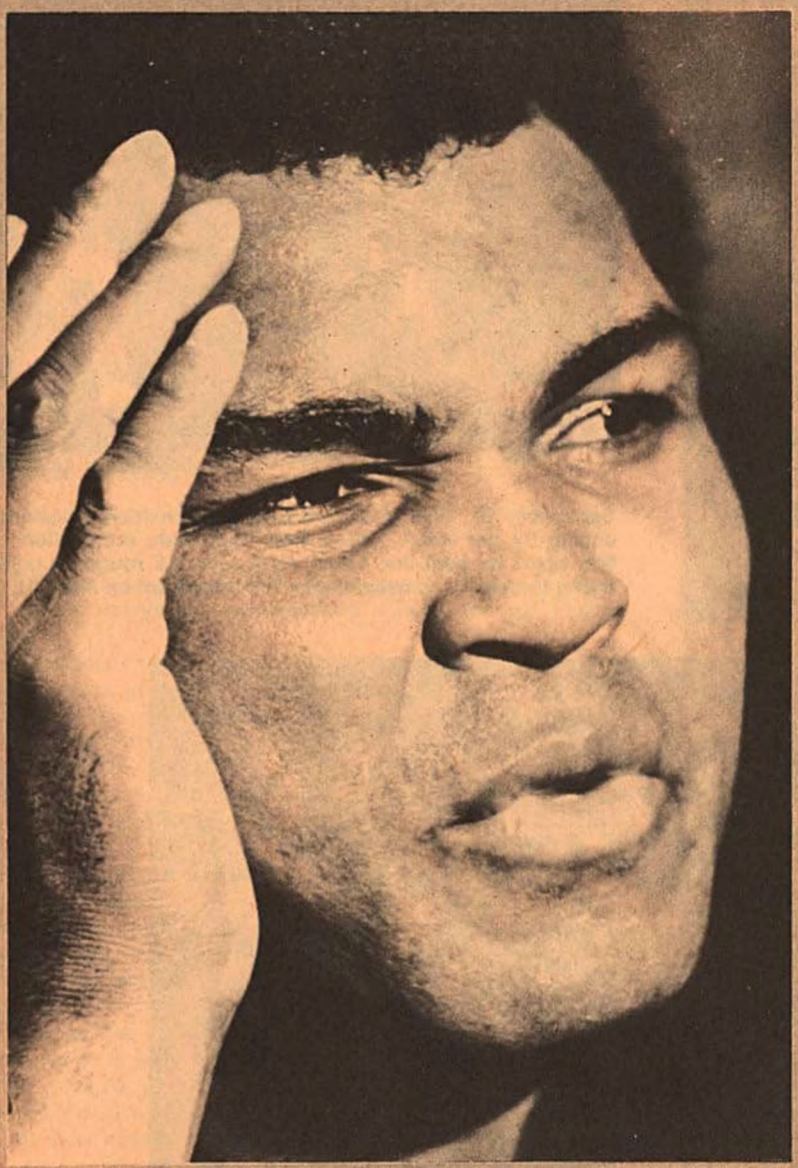
September 27, 1950 — Ezzard Charles, considered heavyweight champ by the N.B.A. added New York State recognition to his title when he beat Joe Louis, right, over 15 rounds. Louis was trying to make a comeback after his retirement on March 1, 1949.

(Above) June 26, 1959 — Sweden's Ingemar Johansson, right, became world heavyweight champion when he knocked out Floyd Patterson, left, in the third round. (Right) Heavyweight title fight number one in the new Yankee Stadium will take place on September 28, between Muhammad Ali, left, and Ken Norton, right.



ALI SAYS: "I WILL PUNISH NORTON AND DESTROY HIM!"

By MUHAMMAD ALI



Heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali talks of challenger Ken Norton as a thorn in his side, and states that he, "The Greatest," has every intention of removing that thorn on September 28 at Yankee Stadium.

KEN NORTON has been a thorn in my side. The only way to get rid of a thorn is to remove it. I intend to do just that in the Yankee Stadium on September 28 when I fight Norton for the third time.

This fight should leave absolutely no doubt as to who is the greatest fighter of our time. Until proven otherwise, I consider myself the greatest and I don't do it boastfully.

I have beaten everybody in the world. I have erased all my losses, and there have been only two. Joe Frazier beat me in 1970 and I whupped him back in 1974 and then again, in that Thrilla in Manila, in October 1975. I left no doubt with Joe.

Norton caught me unprepared in March of 1973. I wasn't in shape and he was. He was nobody then and I made him somebody. He got a split decision over me and broke my jaw. I fought a good deal of the twelve rounds with a broken jaw, and if this had been a fifteen-round fight I would have won.

We fought again in September of that year, in Los Angeles, and this time I won because I was in reasonably good condition. Still, both fights were close, and Norton was tough both times.

He's a good fighter, particularly against me, and all others must wait until I eliminate him decisively, like I did Frazier and George Foreman.

If I fight again after the Norton bout, I guess I will have to give Foreman another chance. But Norton comes first.

Things have changed some since 1973 when I fought those Norton battles. I have regained the strength in my right hand, so that I don't have to dance all night. I can, if I have to, but with my punching power returned there's really no need for it.

How will I fight Norton? I really don't know, but one thing is certain—I will not do any clowning. I am very serious about Ken Norton. He can punch. I'm not going to keep him around any longer than necessary. I want to destroy him.

I will be in shape for Norton this time,

(Above) Ali, in repose, acknowledges Norton's punch, but warns his California opponent that he will not be up against the same Ali who fought him before. (Right) At a press conference, recently, Muhammad Ali said that if he fights anyone after Norton, Foreman would probably get the first shot at the heavyweight crown.

better than I was even for Foreman, and you know what I did to Foreman!

I will punch with the authority Allah has given back to me.

The first two times I fought Norton my right hand was so sore with every punch it was an effort to launch it. I depended on my footwork and left hand. Now, I will be the complete fighter.

I will move when I have to move and punch when the chance comes. I have lost none of my speed, although they keep writing that I am losing my reflexes. That is far from the truth.

After Frazier III came Jean-Pierre Coopman and Jimmy Young and Richard Dunn. They didn't offer any particular challenges, even though Young made me look bad.

Norton is a challenge. If he thinks he's going against the same Ali he saw against himself and some of the others, he's in for a big surprise. He will see an Ali better than the one who knocked out George Foreman. He will see an Ali whose timing will be like a lightning computer and whose speed will be used with blinding efficiency.

I will punish Norton and demolish him. He will be up against the greatest fighter of all time.

Norton Says, "Ali's Got To Remember I Broke His Jaw"

The perfectly proportioned Ken Norton enjoys the fruits of being number one heavyweight contender: Tailor made clothes, jewelry, a posh Malibu Beach home, and a white Lincoln Mark IV.

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

SET high in California's San Jacinto Mountains is a small provincial hotel called Massacre Canyon Inn.

The Inn has three main attractions: a golf course, a boxing gym, and Ken Norton.

It is at Massacre Canyon that Norton has trained for the last three years of his boxing career, and it is here that he prepares for the biggest night of his life—the title bout against Muhammad Ali on September 28 at Yankee Stadium.

Norton just has returned from New York and the official press conference concerning the title fight. Ken just began his training toward the ultimate event.

It is my job to follow the No. 1 heavyweight contender around his camp—to watch him train and work—and play and relax.

My job is even more enviable, since I am the first woman granted the privilege of on-site interviews at the training camp of a major fighter.

"It would be a waste of energy," Norton explains, "to start seething about Ali right now. I got to work up to it. I'm just like a volcano. Weeks before the fight I'll start smoldering. Then, each day, my mind and my body will be adding fuel to the fire. And then—finally—on the night of the fight, I'll erupt like a volcano.

"Muhammad is gonna feel like he's in a disaster area—like the whole Yankee Stadium is falling down on him!"

Meanwhile, Norton is enjoying the work-outs each afternoon, which will soon turn into serious work-outs, for the most serious fight of his life.

In many ways the contender is like a playful kid. His love of attention is evident during workouts at the run-down gym of Massacre Canyon.

Norton is a demon on the speed bag, and after he's finished he grins, "Did you see that speed? And I'm just playing now. That's better than most guys can do on their toughest training days!"

The heavy bag in the gym was, ironically, a gift from Muhammad Ali. "Ali gave me that after I broke his jaw," confided Ken. "I guess he knows I can hit it harder than he ever could."

After work on the bags, there's sparring with partners Eddie "Boss Man" Jones and Young Sanford. Norton comes out of the sparring session, removes his headgear and asks, "Do I have any marks on my face?"

Although I reply, "Not a one," he runs to the mirror to check.

Norton is acutely aware of his good looks, and he does have a physique so incredibly perfect it would put a Greek god to shame.

Norton's 6'3" of black marble muscle features massive shoulders which whittle to a minimal waistline.

"My build is natural, too," affirms Ken. "I didn't have to work at getting these proportions. But I'm watching my weight. I'm about 215 now—but I'll be down to 210 the night I fight Ali."

Ken obviously enjoys the fruits of his fame. Tailor-made clothes, molded to fit the fantastic physique, a home in posh Malibu Beach, and a white Lincoln Mark IV complete with telephone—all are sweet symbols of success.

Life now is a boxer's dream, but Ken didn't always have it so good. "I worked hard for everything I've got," he declared.

"It seems like I starved for 400 years before things got better!

"And I also had to work like hell to get rated. I resent the fact that today fighters win a couple of good ones and they're automatically rated. Ratings shouldn't be just handed out—they should be earned. I had to earn mine!"

Ken Norton's rating now is as close as a man can get to the title. Ken is the No. 1 heavyweight contender.

And—as such—he enjoys the fine living, the fine possessions, and the fine surge of attention he gets both in the ring and out.

The tiny California towns that surround Massacre Canyon are agog with the presence

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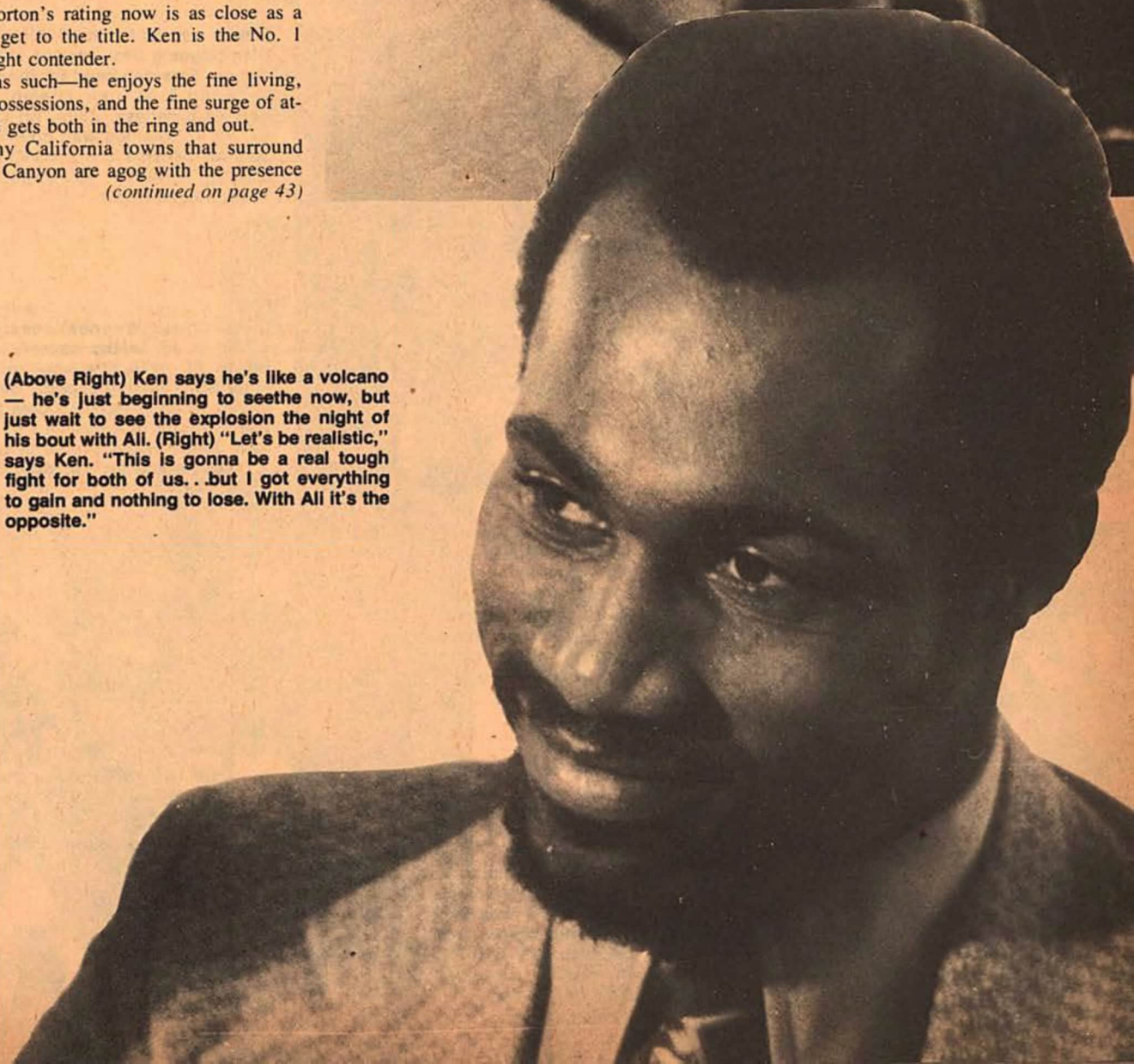
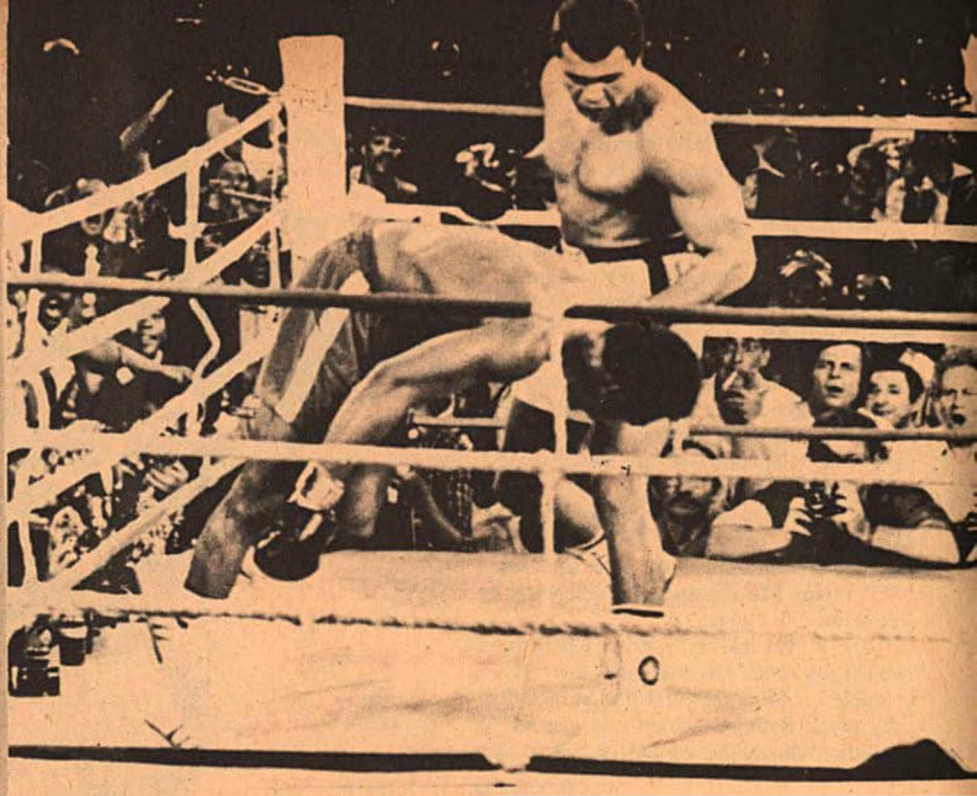
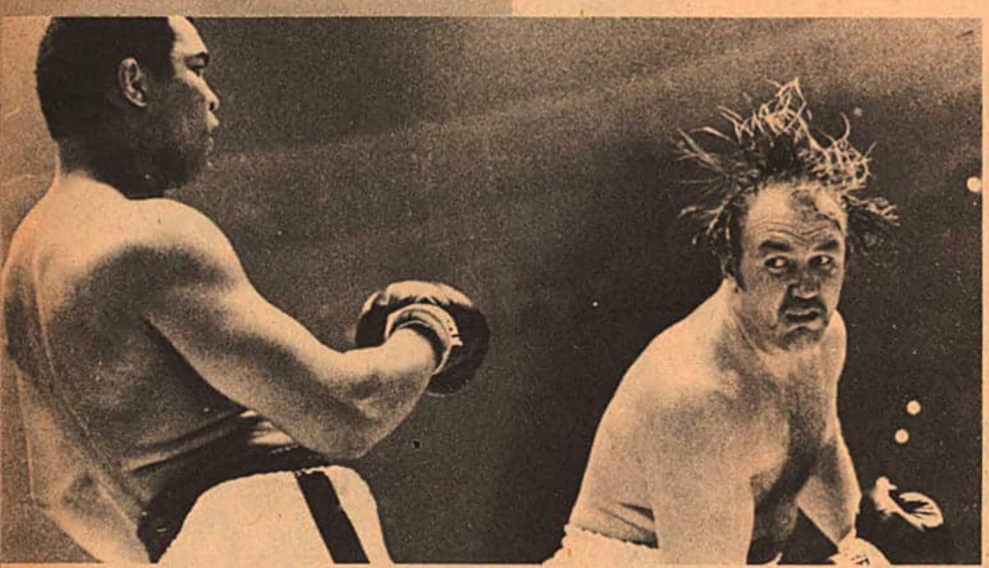


(Above Right) Ken says he's like a volcano — he's just beginning to seethe now, but just wait to see the explosion the night of his bout with Ali. (Right) "Let's be realistic," says Ken. "This is gonna be a real tough fight for both of us. . .but I got everything to gain and nothing to lose. With Ali it's the opposite."

ALI, THE CHAMP, IN ACTION



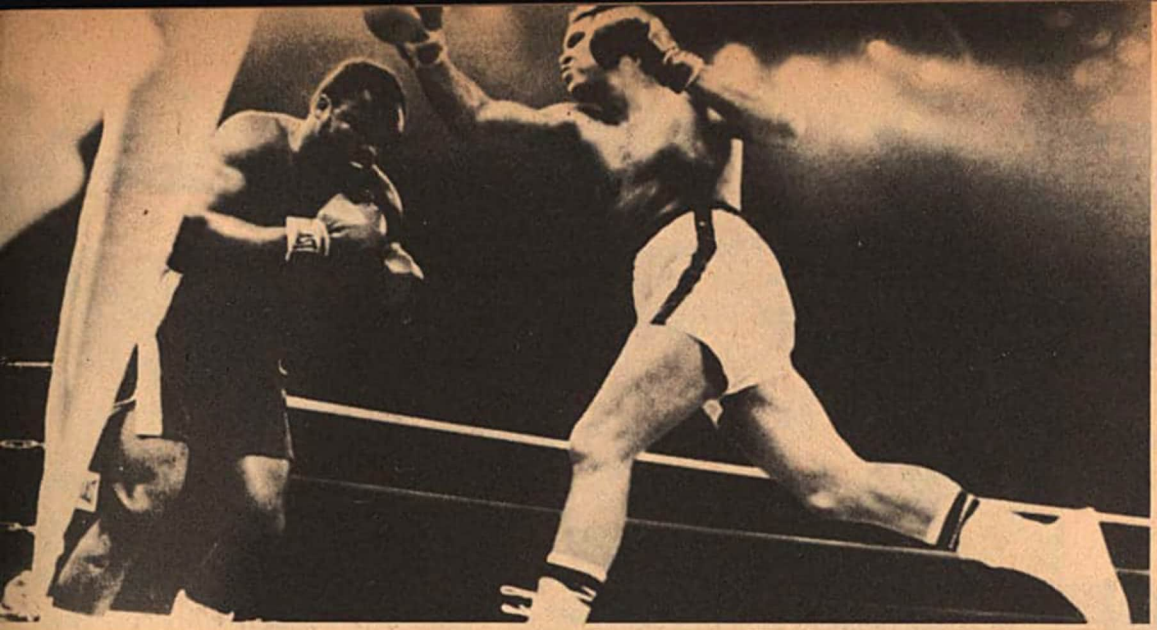


Challenger Muhammad Ali watches then reigning heavyweight champion George Foreman head for the canvas in round 8 of their championship bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, on October 30, 1974. Foreman was counted out, and Ali became the second man in boxing history to regain the heavyweight crown.

(Left) Chuck Wepner takes a wild swing at Ali in the course of their March 24, 1975 title bout in Cleveland. Many boxing experts were surprised when it took Ali until the fifteenth round to knock out the game New Jersey heavyweight. In round 9 Ali was decked for the fourth time in his pro career.

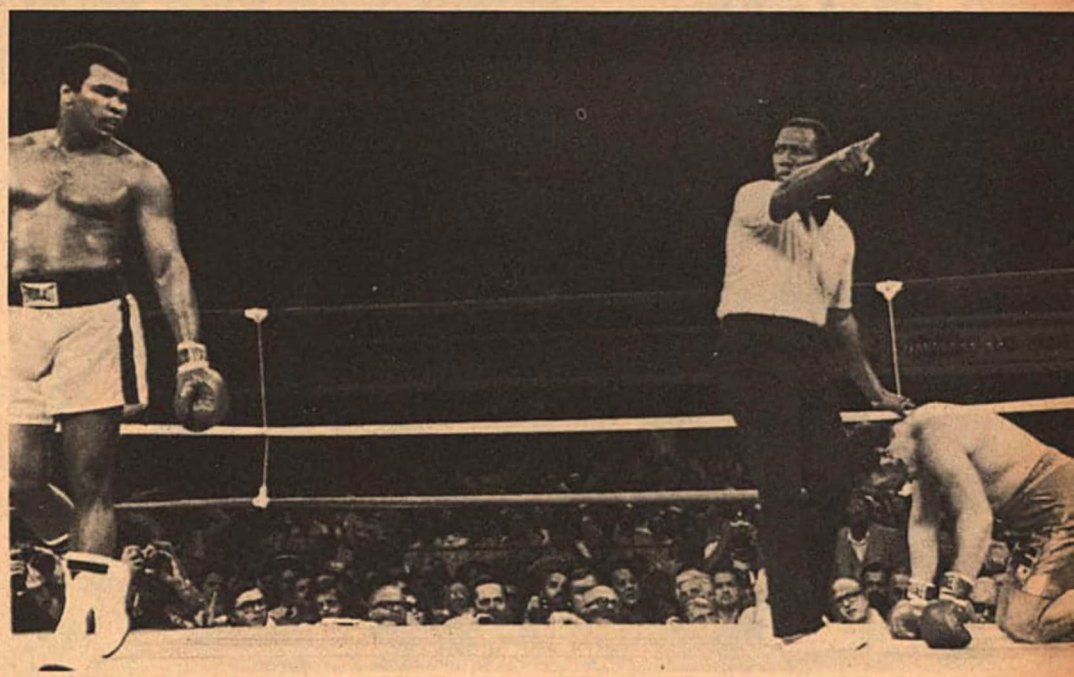
(Left) Las Vegas, May 16, 1975: Muhammad Ali pummels Ron Lyle, of Denver, seconds before the referee stepped in to stop the right in the 11th round of the title bout.

(Right) The champ winds up for one of the many rights that were suffered by European heavyweight title holder Joe Bugner, of England. Ali won the title fight, which took place on July 1, 1975, in Kuala Lumpur, over 15 rounds.

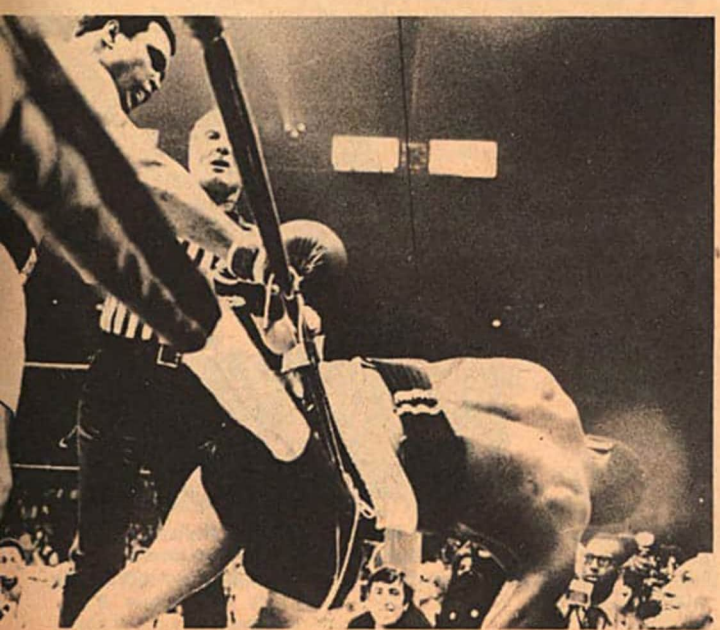


In what was a ring classic, Ali is seen lunging at Joe Frazier during the tenth round of their Manila bout, on October 1, 1975. Joe put up a great fight, but was ultimately so worn down that he could not answer the bell for the fifteenth round.

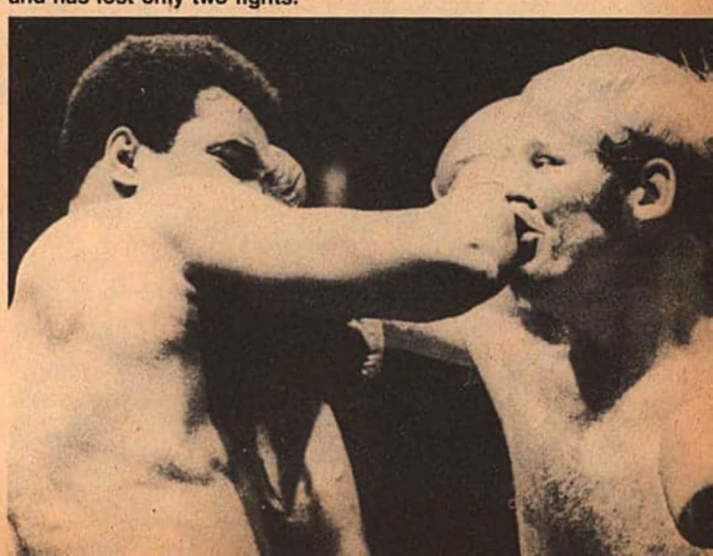
(Right) The referee orders Ali to a neutral corner in order to count out "The Lion of Flanders," Jean-Pierre Coopman, in round five of the San Juan title fight, on February 21, 1976.



(Below) Philadelphia's Jimmy Young hangs out of the ring as Ali stalks him in the thirteenth round of the title fight which took place on April 30, 1976. Ali won by unanimous decision.

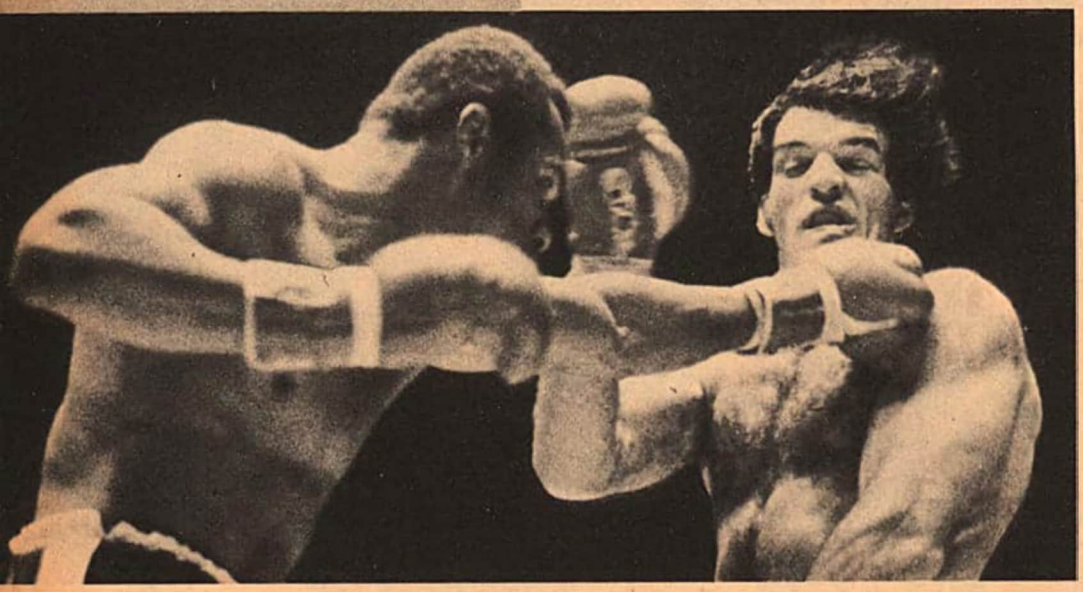


(Below) Ali, left, and England's Richard Dunn exchange blows during the first round of the title fight in Munich that went five rounds. That KO, the thirty-seventh in Ali's professional boxing career, took place in Munich. Ali has never been knocked out and has lost only two fights.



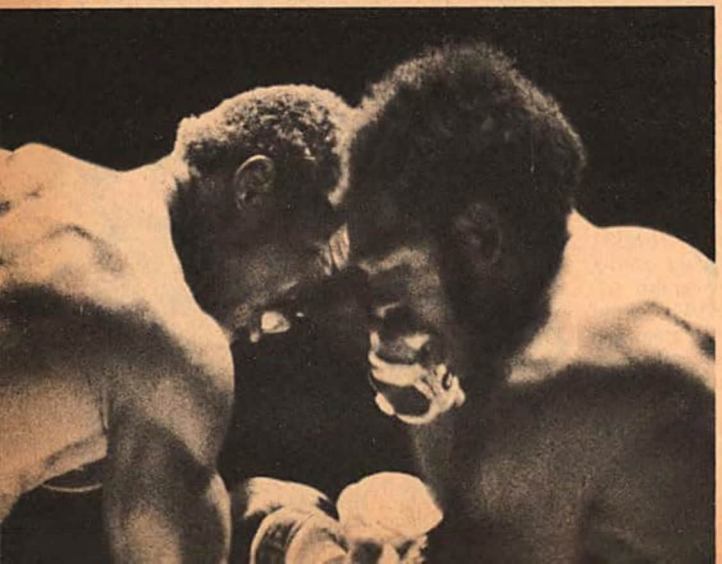
CHALLENGER KEN NORTON IN ACTION

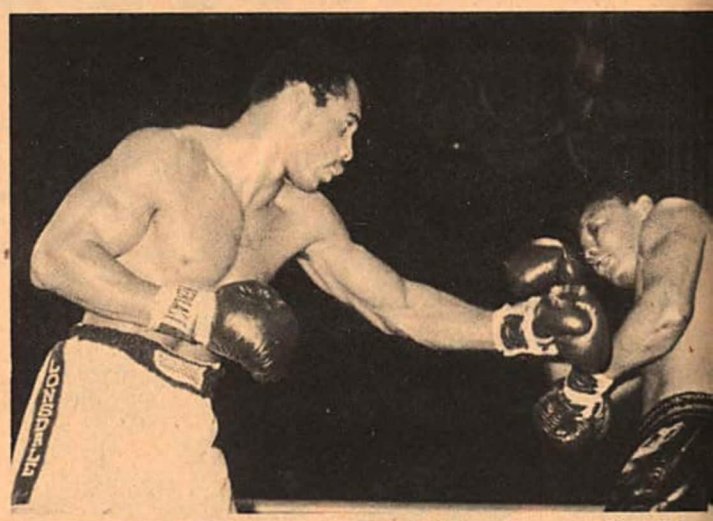
(Above) A left thrown by Ken Norton connects with Wayne Kindred's chin before the fight ended in round nine with a KO for Norton. The place, Los Angeles; the date, February 20, 1969.



(Left) Ken tags Jack O'Halloran with his now famous left jab in their San Diego match of March 17, 1972. Norton, who won a ten round decision, decked the New Jersey native twice during the bout.

(Below) New York's James J. Woody, right, and Ken Norton trade blows in the course of the ferocious June 30, 1972, bout in San Diego, which ended with a KO in eight for Norton.





On November 21, 1972, Ken Norton, left, and then number 10 ranked Henry Clark, of San Francisco, squared off on the undercard of the Ali-Foster card, with Norton winning by KO in the ninth round.

(Left) Johnny Lobianco grabs Jerry Quarry, of Los Angeles, to signal the end in round five of the March 24, 1975, bout in New York. Ken raises his arms in victory.

(Below) August 14, 1975, saw Venezuela's Jose Garcia ducks a jab by Ken Norton in round two of their St. Paul fight. Norton defeated Garcia with a KO in five.

(Above) Pedro Lovell catches Norton on the shoulder during their Las Vegas fight on January 10, 1976, but the Argentinian was really no match for Ken, and referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the bout at 1:40 of round five to give Norton the win.

(Right) A game but mismatched Ron Stander, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, takes a right to the mid-section by Norton in the course of the Landover, Maryland, fight of April 30, 1976, which was stopped to save Stander from further battering in round four.

Who Has The Edge?

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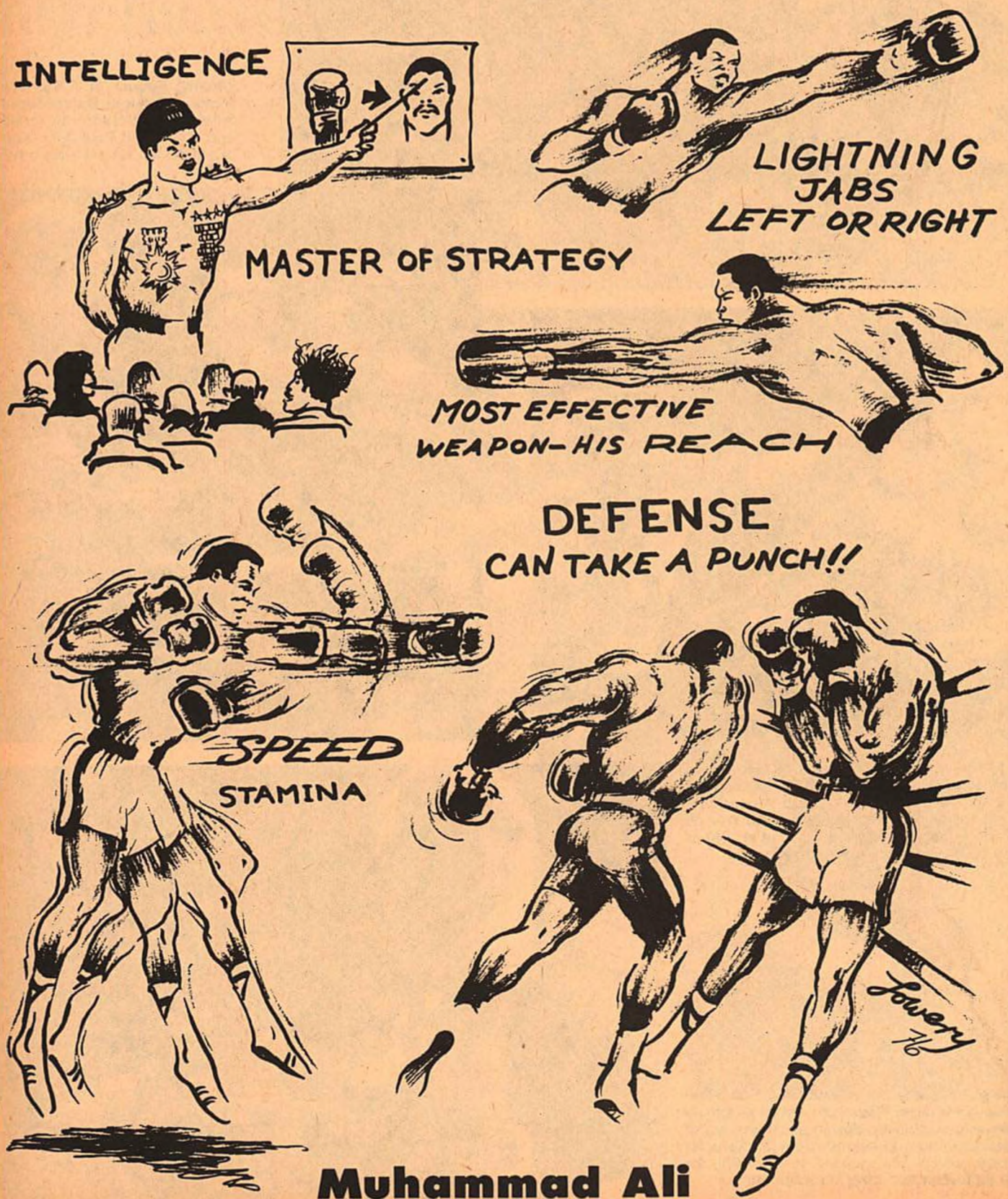
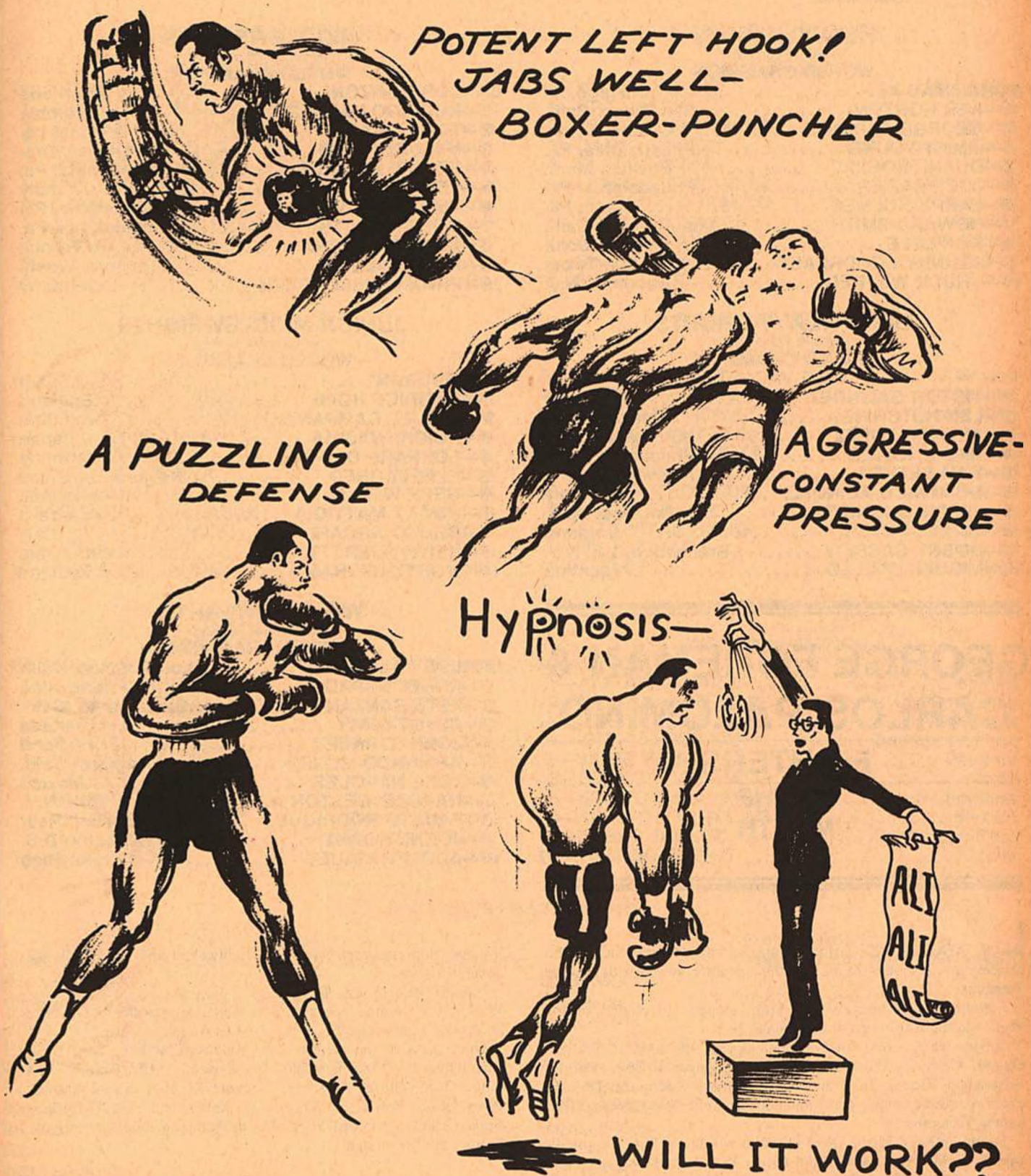


Muhammad Ali

Ali & Norton Assets



Ken Norton

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WORLD RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 75 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI .....Chicago, Ill.
1—KEN NORTON .....San Diego, Calif.
2—GEORGE FOREMAN† .....Houston, Texas
3—JIMMY YOUNG .....Philadelphia, Pa.
4—DUANE BOBICK .....Bowlus, Minn.
5—JOE FRAZIER .....Philadelphia, Pa.
6—LARRY HOLMES .....Easton, Pa.
7—HOWARD SMITH .....Los Angeles, Calif.
8—RON LYLE .....Denver, Colo.
9—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX .....Houston, Texas
10—CHUCK WEPNER .....Bayonne, N.J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* .....Argentina
2—LEN HUTCHINS† .....Detroit, Mich.
3—ALVARO LOPEZ .....Stockton, Calif.
4—RICHIE KATES .....Philadelphia, Pa.
5—TOM BETHEA .....New York, N.Y.
6—DOMENICO ADINOFLI .....Italy
7—JESSIE BURNETT .....Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHN CONTEH** .....England
9—BOBBY CASSIDY .....Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
10—MIGUEL CUELLO .....Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON* .....Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ** .....Colombia
2—TONY LICATA† .....New Orleans, La.
3—MIKE COLBERT .....Portland, Ore.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE .....Philadelphia, Pa.
5—VITO ANTUOFERMO .....Italy
6—WILLIE MONROE .....Philadelphia, Pa.
7—BOBBY WATTS .....Philadelphia, Pa.
8—GRATIEN TONNA .....France
9—RAY SEALES .....Tacoma, Wash.
10—FRANK WISSENBACH .....Germany

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JOSE DURAN* .....Spain
1—MAURICE HOPE .....England
2—MIGUEL CAMPANINO .....Argentina
3—KOICHI WAJIMA .....Japan
4—ECKHARD DAGGE** .....Germany
5—ELISHA OBED .....Nassau, Bahamas
6—GENE WELLS .....Mobile, Ala.
7—ROCKY MATTIOLI .....Australia
8—BRUNO ARCARI .....Italy
9—KEITH AVERETT .....Akron, Ohio
10—MONTY BETHAM .....New Zealand

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO* .....Los Angeles, Calif.
1—ANGEL ESPADA* .....Puerto Rico
2—PETE RANZANY .....Sacramento, Calif.
3—CLYDE GRAY .....Canada
4—JOHN STRACEY .....England
5—ARMANDO MUNIZ† .....Los Angeles, Calif.
6—JOSE NAPOLES .....Mexico
7—HAROLD WESTON .....New York, N.Y.
8—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ .....Dominican Rep.
9—JOHNNY GANT .....Washington D.C.
10—ADOLPH VIRUET .....Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ* .....Puerto Rico
1—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** .....Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES .....Colombia
3—MONROE BROOKS† .....Los Angeles, Calif.
4—HECTOR THOMPSON .....Australia
5—NICOLINO LOCHE .....Argentina
6—CEMAL KAMACIA .....Austria
7—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE .....France
8—SAOUL MAMBY .....Puerto Rico
9—TONY PETRONELLI .....Brockton, Mass.
10—LOU BIZZARRO .....Erie, Pa.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* .....Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** .....Puerto Rico
2—VICENTE SALDIVAR .....Mexico
3—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ .....Dominican Rep.
4—RAY LAMPKIN† .....Portland, Ore.
5—HECTOR MEDINA .....Puerto Rico
6—HUGO BARRAZA .....Colombia
7—FERNAND ROELANDS .....Belgium
8—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI .....Japan
9—EDWIN VIRUET .....Puerto Rico
10—RUDY HERNANDEZ .....Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BEN VILLAFLOR* .....Philippines
1—SAMUEL SERRANO .....Puerto Rico
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA** .....Puerto Rico
3—TYRONE EVERETT† .....Philadelphia, Pa.
4—RONNIE McGARVEY .....Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
5—WALTER SEELEY .....Sayaville, N.Y.
6—APOLLO YOSHIO .....Japan
7—BLAKEY MATTHEWS .....South Africa
8—EZEQUIEL SANCHEZ .....Dominican Rep.
9—RAY LUNNY III .....San Francisco, Calif.
10—TOMMY ROSE .....Sherborn, Mass.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* .....Nicaragua
1—ART HAFEY .....Canada
2—DAVID POISON KOTEY** .....Ghana
3—DANNY LOPEZ† .....Los Angeles, Calif.
4—ELIO CONTINA .....Italy
5—LIONEL HERNANDEZ .....Venezuela
6—RIGOBERTO RIASCO .....Panama
7—RUBEN OLIVARES .....Mexico
8—ARNOLD TAYLOR .....South Africa
9—SHIG FUKUYAMA .....Japan
10—EDER JOFRE .....Brazil

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* .....Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** .....Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ .....Puerto Rico
3—RODOLFO MARTINEZ .....Mexico
4—EUSEBIO PEDROZA .....Panama
5—PADDY MAGUIRE .....Ireland
6—DANIEL TROULAIRE .....France
7—PAUL FERRERI .....Australia
8—SOO HWAN HONG .....South Korea
9—RAUL TIRADA .....Mexico
10—LEO CRUZ .....Dominican Rep.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** .....Mexico
1—ALFONSO LOPEZ* .....Panama
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ .....Venezuela
3—LUIS ESTABE .....Venezuela
4—IGNACIO ESPINAL .....Dominican Rep.
5—JAIME RIOS .....Panama
6—FRANCO UDELLA .....Italy
7—ERBITO SALAVARRIA .....Philippines
8—ALBERTO MORALES .....Mexico
9—PABLO JIMINEZ .....Dominican Rep.
10—FRANCO SPERTI .....Italy

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Clifford Stevens Dallas, Texas	11/74	8	7	1	0	4
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
John Capobianco Huntington, N.Y.	7/73	10	9	1	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Bonifacio Avila Colombia	5/73	13	11	1	1	8
WELTERWEIGHT						
Floyd Meyweather	11/74	9	8	1	0	5
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Billy Parks Denver, Colo.	7/75	10	7	1	2	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Roman Contreras Los Angeles, Calif.	7/75	8	7	1	0	2
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Harrison Kiger Galveston, Texas	3/76	5	5	0	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Samuel Machorro Mexico	8/75	16	16	0	0	10

GEORGE FOREMAN & CARLOS PALOMINO

FIGHTERS OF THE MONTH

LOS ANGELES'S Carlos Palomino kayoed England's John Stracey in 12 rounds to tie for this month's award with George Foreman.

Foreman, U.S. heavyweight king, stopped ex-champion Joe Frazier in the fifth round at Uniondale, N.Y.

Others who posted top victories during the month: Eckhard Dagge, Germany; Howard Smith, Los Angeles, heavyweight; lightweight Vicente Saldivar, Mexico; Fausto Rodriguez, Dominican Rep. welterweight; and former junior welter king Antonio Cervantes, Colombia.

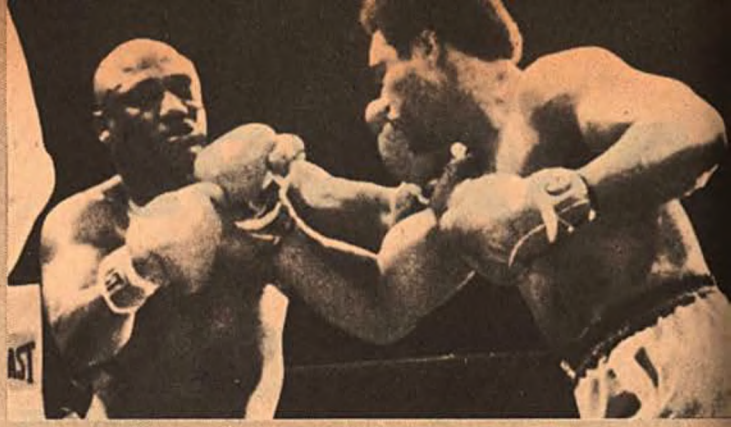
Dagge defeated Elisha Obed in ten to win the W.B.C. Jr. middle title in Berlin. Also on that card Italy's Vito Antuofermo was upset by Frank Wissenbach, Germany, via an eight round decision.

Heavyweight Howard Smith moved into the top ten with a ten round split nod over Houston's Johnny Boudreaux; lightweight Vicente Saldivar upset Dominican lightweight and no. 2 rank Vilomar Fernandez.

Fausto Rodriguez, Dom Rep., won a close victory over Washington's Johnny Gant; Ex-Jr. welter king Antonio Cervantes ko'd rated lightweight Javier Ayala, Los Angeles in one.

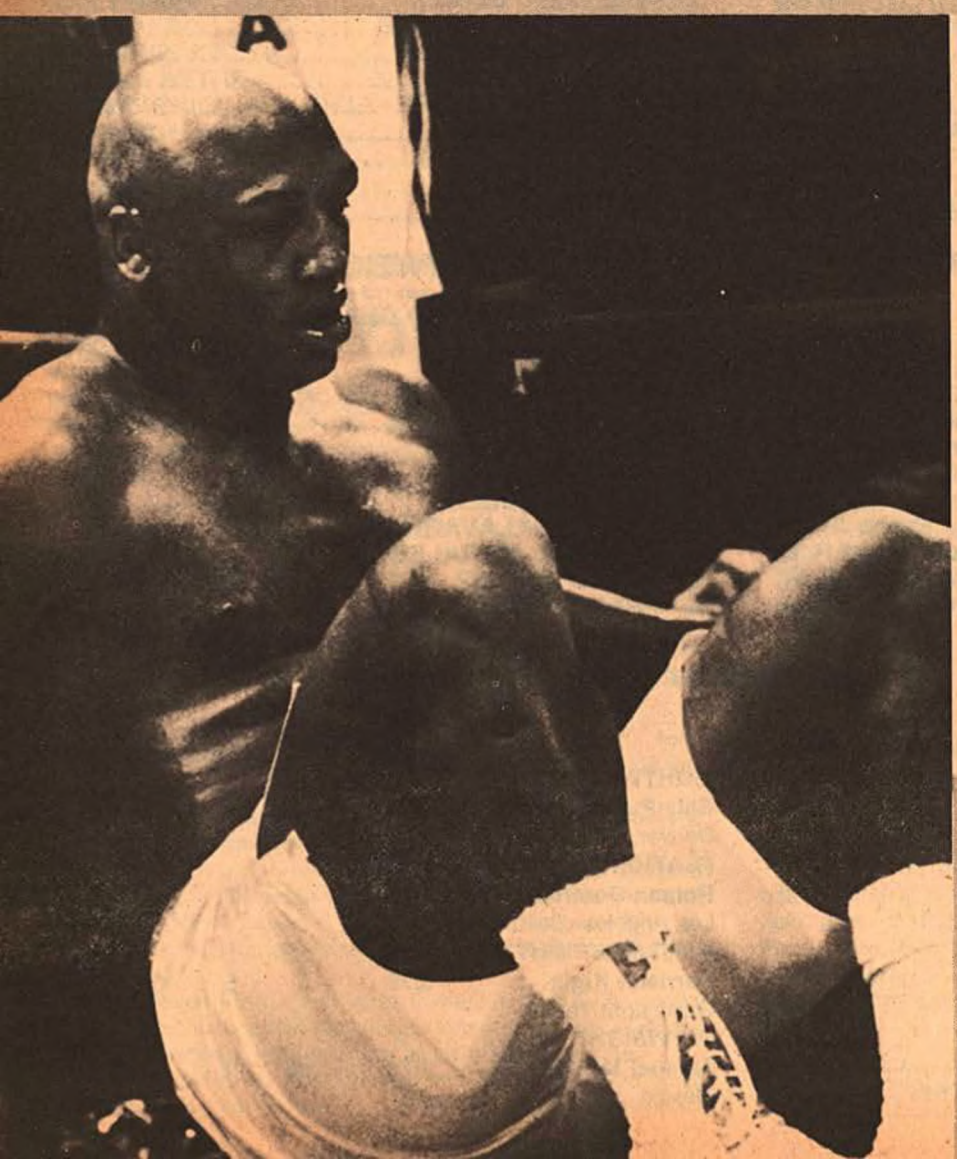
Other wins of the month: U.S. middleweight king Tony Licata beat lightheavy Mike Rossman; middleweight Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore. shutout Arizona's Vicente Medina; Saoul Mamby, Puerto Rico, beat Nani Marrera, Jr. welter; and E.B.U. fly king, Franco Udella, retained his crown by stopping fellow countryman Franco Sperati in eight.

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

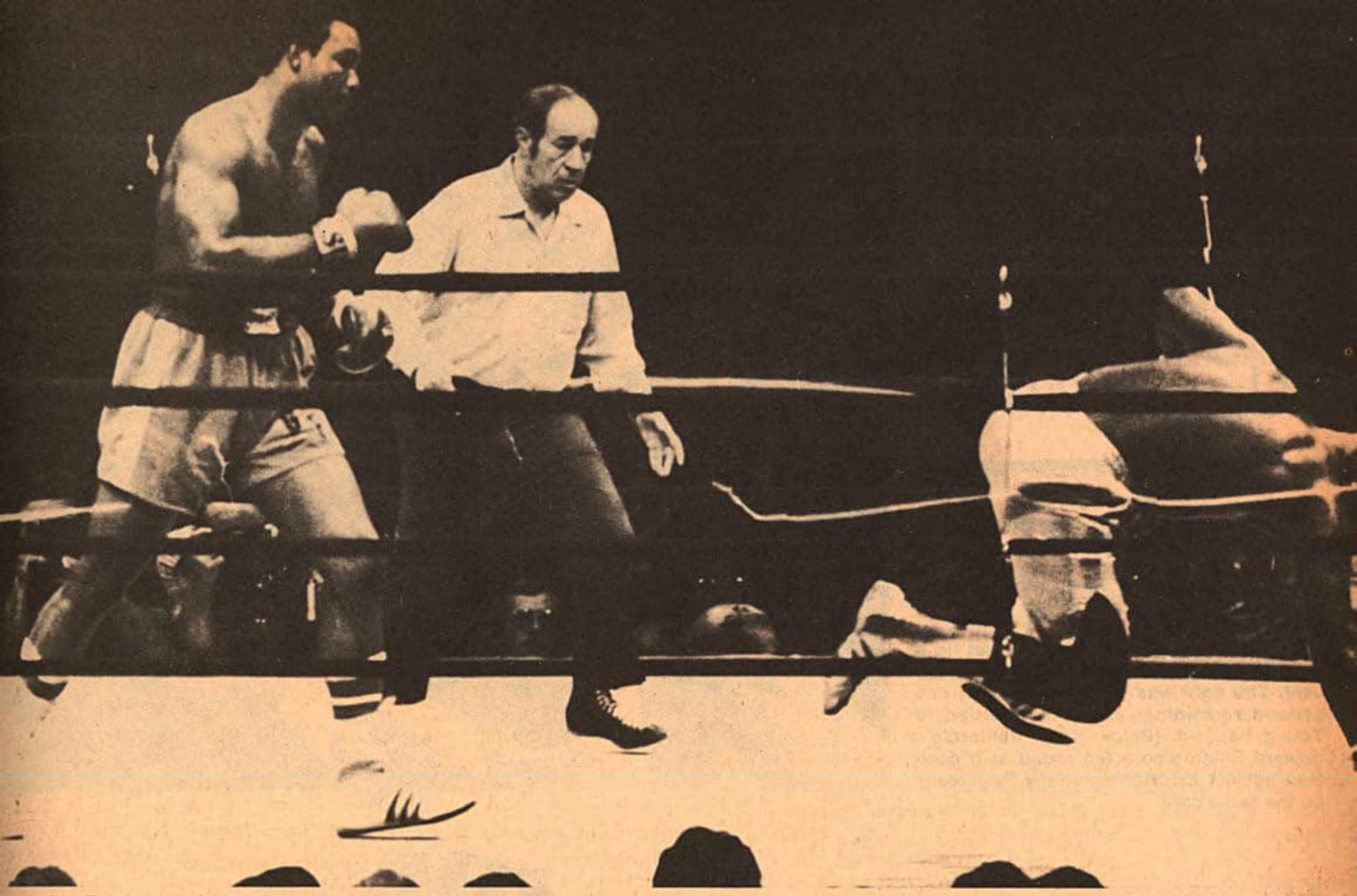


George Foreman, Houston, Texas, bounces a right off the chin of Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, in the fifth round of their bout at the Nassau Coliseum.

Foreman Drives Frazier into Retirement with KO in Five



(Above) Foreman catches Frazier flush on the forehead as Joe tries to duck and weave out of the path of the larger man's punches. (Left) Bleeding from a cut by his eye and on his lip, Frazier attempts to get up after his second knockdown at the hands of George Foreman in the fifth round. Referee Harold Valan stopped the bout at 2:26 of that round.



Joe Frazier heads for the canvas for the first of two times in the fifth round, with George Foreman pursuing and referee Harold Valan watching closely to see how Frazier would be affected by Foreman's blows. Joe took an eight count, but continued, only to be decked again, this time for good, moments later.

By JOHN ORT

NASSAU COLISEUM, Uniondale, N.Y. — At 2:26 of the fifth round of their world heavyweight championship bout, George Foreman, 224½, put the final touches on the career of Philadelphia's Joe Frazier, 224½. It was a sorry picture of a once great champion, bleeding and hurt, in the ring which once brought him wealth and glory.

Thus an end to what some people call "The American Dream." Frazier's story started one hot day in a Philadelphia gym. He walked in as a little fat boy and ended up winning the heavyweight championship crown of the world.

It's a story of a man who wouldn't quit. He was victorious in the 1964 Olympics after he had failed to make the team. Then there was the night he survived two knockdowns by Oscar Bonavena in one round and went on to win the first Ali fight in Madison Square Garden, and what must have been his biggest moment—the evening he kayoed Jimmy Ellis for the heavyweight title.

Of course there were the tough nights every boxer has. The two defeats, in great wars, against Muhammad Ali; the Jamaican affair; with Foreman kayoing him in two rounds to shock the boxing world.

After this last bout Joe put it this way, "It's time to hang them up on the wall and boogie-boogie-boogie!"

So Joe Frazier now will have the chance to be with his wife and kids and do whatever he wants. Money is no problem, and he'll still keep his hands in the game by managing heavyweight Duane Bobick with his former trainer Eddie Futch.

That leaves George Foreman as "King of the Mountain" again, or maybe it only looks like it. George's biggest moments are when he is boxing Joe Frazier. With other fighters, like Norton, Roman and Lyle, he looks more like a "heavy" than a "hero." But is George really a bad guy, or is it just bad timing that he is forced to box the heroes of our time in Frazier, Norton or Ali? They booed him in the Nassau Coliseum when he entered the ring. They cheered at the end of the contest, but the cheers were for Frazier, not Foreman. What turned the cheers that he received in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City to boos today? Just being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

It seems everyone wants somebody to hate in boxing. George fills the bill, a big strong guy, who represents the "bully on the block." Someday George will turn those boos to cheers.

The bout itself went the way most experts felt it would. One sided, with the big strong Foreman moving forward and surprisingly heavy Frazier keeping out of his way.

The only real shock of the night was when Frazier entered the ring with a shaven head. Too bad that was the best move Joe made all night.

Round one started with Foreman attacking and Joe moving away, side-stepping with his hands held high, picking off the wild blows of Foreman.

Foreman kept up the attack, landing hard lefts and rights to the body of Joe. Frazier landed three left hooks to the side of George's head, but they had no effect. Joe's punches looked weak.

George landed a good right to the chin in the third round. Joe was shook-up, but moved away as Foreman moved straight ahead, slowly landing most of his shots to the body. Near the end of the round George moved his attack to the head, as Joe's hands moved lower.

Frazier was tagged by some good rights and lefts to the head. Again Frazier landed two good left hooks, but nothing happened.

Frazier's only moment came in the fourth round. At this point he was down 3-0. It looked as if he was pulling an Ali on George. He

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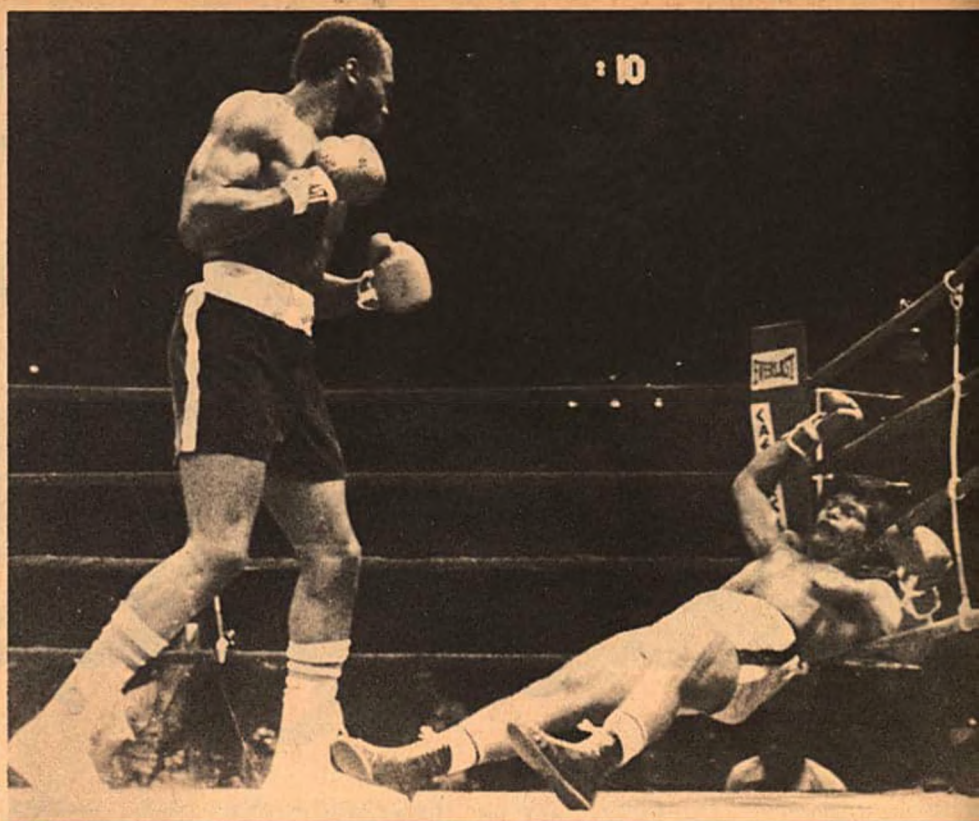
Saldivar and Smith Score Upset Wins



By JOHN ORT

(Right) Puerto Rico's Jose "King" Roman bounces off the ropes in round one of his Uniondale, N.Y., bout with "Young Sanford," but he got to his feet and put up a tough fight against his Los Angeles opponent. The fight was stopped with just one second remaining, and was awarded to Young Sanford. (Below right) California's Howard Smith won a ten round split decision against Houston's Johnny Boudreaux on the same card.

NASSAU COLISEUM, Uniondale, N.Y. — Heavyweight Howard Smith, Los Angeles, California and lightweight Vicente Saldivar, also from Los Angeles, both scored upset wins on the under-card of the Foreman-Frazier U.S. heavyweight championship card. Also gaining a victory on the card was another L.A. heavyweight "Young Sanford" Houpe.

Smith, the third ranking heavyweight in the W.B.C. ratings, pressed a back stepping Johnny Boudreaux, 206, all night to win a ten round split decision.

Undefeated lightweight Vicente Saldivar, 135, Mexico, came on strong in the last three rounds to upset Dominican Vilomar Fernandez in ten rounds.

Fernandez, 135, won the first three rounds of the bout, landing a good left jab and sneakie rights to the head of the Mexican. Saldivar pressed Vilomar all the way, but sustained a cut in the corner of his left eye in the third round.

Vicente turned the contest around in round four, when he decked Fernandez with a left upper-cut. Vilomar was up fast and took an eight count.

Fernandez came back to win the fifth and sixth rounds. He moved in and out, scoring with right hand leads to the head. Saldivar landed punches to the body of the Dominican.

The seventh round was the dullest of the contest with Vicente holding the edge for forcing the action.

The last three rounds were all Saldivar's. He scored to the head and body of Fernandez with good left hooks. Vilomar looked tired. The tough Dominican boxed his way out of trouble a number of times. The nineteen year old Mexican kept the pressure on and opened a cut over Vilomar's left eye. He won the nod on two out of the three official score-cards, to win the fight.

Another undefeated warrior was on the card by the name of "Young Sanford" Houpe, a Los Angeles tiger with a record of 9-0. He was given a ten round TKO victory over Puerto Rico's Jose Roman. The referee stopped the contest at 2:59 of the last round.

Roman put up a tough fight against this young tiger. He pressed

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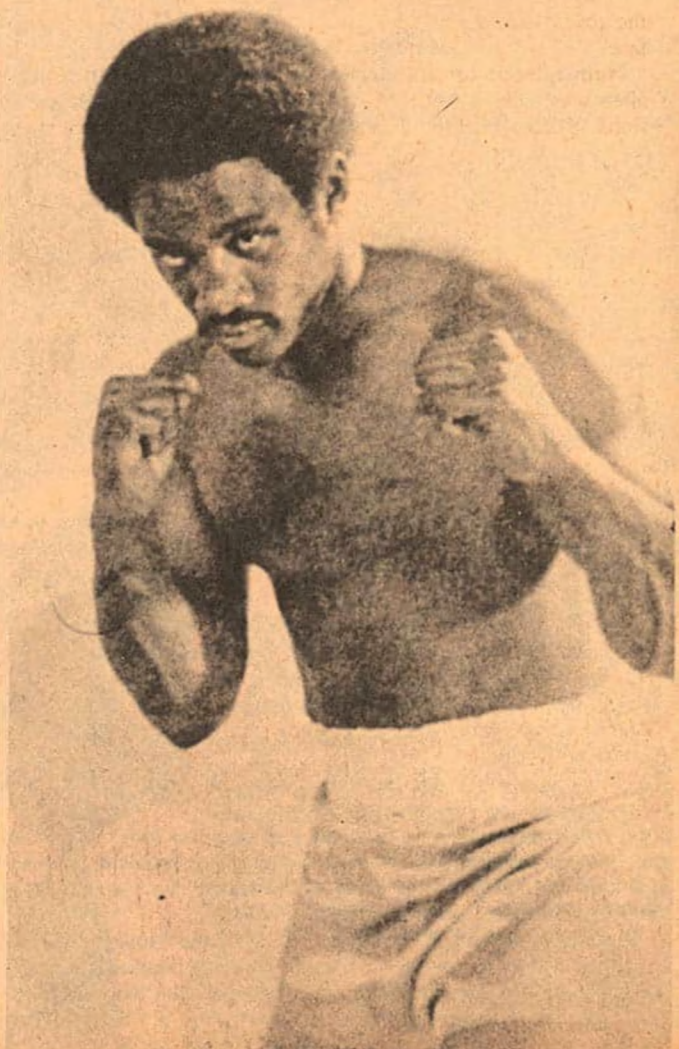

Jr. Welter Champ Benitez Wins One-Sided Verdict Over Villa

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

ROBERTO CLEMENTE STADIUM — San Juan, P.R. — Teen-age Jr. welter titleholder Wilfredo Benitez scored a one-sided fifteen round verdict over Colombian rival Emiliano Villa to retain his crown.

California judge Rudy Ortega gave only one round to Villa, while local judge Wally Schmidt was a little more benevolent in giving the loser two rounds. Referee Quinones-Falu scored it 149-141. Apparently representing only one loss for the titleholder with five even.

Although the official scoring appears to indicate the type of fight it was, it does not really reflect the true picture. There was no question on the scoring, but the fact is that Villa made a fight of it all the way. He tried his best, but could not match his faster punching opponent.

Villa was slightly bigger (5′10½″ versus 5′9″), but Benitez had the reach that kept a steady stacatto of left jabs in his opponent's face.

Nothing exciting happened in the early sessions of the fight. Benitez was jabbing well, but was short of the mark on some occasions. Villa, a converted southpaw, caused some confusion with his portside style and managed to land a few good roundhouse hooks to the body.

In the closing minute of the seventh, Benitez scored his best punch of the fight when he caught Villa flush on the face with a hard right. From this point on Benitez scored at will, while Villa lost his early round reflexes. He began to catch blows that he had been avoiding before. The Benitez jab got through at all times.

In the eleventh the Colombian was staggered just before the bell by a straight right to the face.

In the twelfth Villa came back with a two fisted attack as Benitez got careless, and exchanged blows in a fairly open stance. But this was Villa's last stand.

In the thirteenth Emiliano was cut below the right eye. In the next round Benitez peppered away at the eye. The last round saw the champion throwing caution to the wind, pounding away at his exhausted opponent. The final bell appeared to be a welcome sound for a very tired challenger.

Benitez may have the makings of a preacher as he stated after the fight, "I want to dedicate this victory to the eternal love of Christ who is my guiding force. May it be symbolic to the youth of

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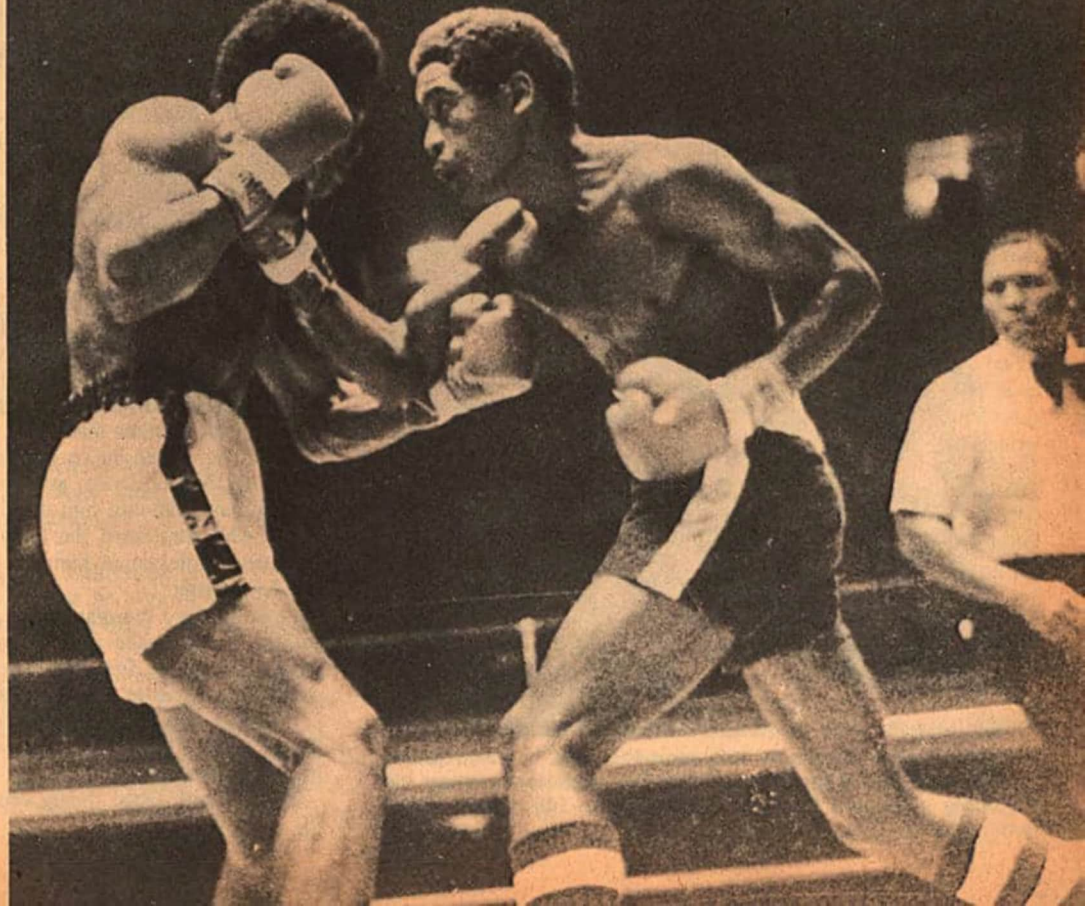

Jr. Welter champion Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico, throws a right at Emiliano Villa, Colombia, in the course of the San Juan fight which Benitez won by unanimous decision.

(Above left) America's Richie Kates slams a left into the gory face of WBA light heavy champ, Victor Galindez, Argentina, in the course of their Johannesburg title fight which ended one second before the final bell. Galindez fought most of the fight with blood pouring down his face. (Above right) Galindez screams with joy at the close of the hard fought bout.

LT. HEAVY KING, GALINDEZ, KO's KATES IN 15th

By ED CLARK

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa — Victor Galindez turned tragedy into triumph as he stormed back into the fight after a bad right eye cut caused by a clash of heads in the third round to knock out American challenger Richie Kates with only a second left of the final and fifteenth round at the Rand Stadium before a cheering crowd of 30,000 spectators.

With his title slipping away after Kates's head had opened an ugly gash above the right eye in the third, Galindez, the true champion that he is, fought back with blood pouring from his cut to knock out Kates just one second before the end of the fifteenth round.

This was a classic battle having boxing skill, courage, and controversy after the first two rounds, taken by Kates through crisper jabbing, the third was one minute and 15 seconds gone when the clash of heads came and Galindez screamed in agony, blood pouring down his face. Referee Stan Christodoulou stopped the fight and Galindez went to his corner. Photographers and part of the crowd stormed into the ring thinking the fight was over.

Referee Christodoulou called a doctor to examine the injury. Then, after the O.K. had been given, the announcer cleared the packed ring.

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Dagge Takes Obed's Crown: Vito Loses

By JACK A. TREE

Eckhard Dagge, Germany, left, won the WBC's world junior middleweight title from Elisha Obed, Bahamas, right, when the defending champion stopped fighting in the 10th round of the Berlin fight.

BERLIN, Germany — The night of June 18, 1976, will be one that the German boxing fan will remember for some time. The date is almost as important as the June 12, 1930, when Max Schmeling won the world heavyweight crown in New York. Here in the Deutschlandhalle, Eckhard Dagge won the WBC junior middleweight title when champion Elisha Obed, the brown bomber from the Bahamas, retired in round ten.

Another German, 19 year-old Frank Wissenbach, outscored European junior middleweight champion, Vito Antuofermo, Italy, over eight rounds with no title at stake. Wissenbach boxed more cleverly than his fellow countryman, Eckhard Dagge, who lost his European title to Antuofermo in January last in Berlin.

This night of June 18 was certainly a shot in the arm for the German sport which has been struggling for survival for years.

The first tonic of the evening was Frank Wissenback's victory over European champion, Vito Antuofermo (24). There was no title at stake and it was only over eight rounds.

Antuofermo never really solved the problem of facing a southpaw, and the German made him miss frequently.

The Italian often hit on the break and finally in round three the third man, Rudolp Drust, gave him a public warning.

This may have cost him the fight, for it was a very close affair. Those who considered the German to be a green horn with only seventeen professional bouts had completely under-rated this talented youngster.

Few, if any, thought that Eckhard Dagge had a real chance against this unbeaten fighting machine from the Bahamas, Elisha Obed, and in the first few rounds it looked as though the WBC champion was set to box the ears off the German.

In round two I stopped counting after fifty left's had landed on Dagge's face. Obed did, however, miss frequently with his right hooks and crosses.

In the fourth Obed finally caught the German with a right cross

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Welter Champ, John Stracey, Loses Title

(Above) Mexican-American Carlos Palomino hammers Britain's John Stracey against the ropes in the final flurry of punches before the referee stopped the fight at 1:35 of the 12th round to save Stracey from further punishment. (Below) Down for the second time in round twelve, Stracey starts to struggle to his feet with Palominao standing above him. The title bout took place in Wembley, England.

By RON OLVER

WEMBLEY, ENGLAND—Mexican-American Carlos Palomino, 135¼, stopped England's John Stracey, 146, in the twelfth round to win the world welterweight title, at Wembley Empire Pool.

Carlos, now living in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., came over as a big underdog. Many felt that he was no better than Hedgemon Lewis, who held Palomino to a draw and was kayoed by Stracey last March in ten rounds.

Palomino started his career in 1972. His first contest was against Javier Martinez, whom he decisioned in four. Carlos went on to win nine out of his next ten bouts, drawing in one against Ted Liggett. His first and only defeat was to up and coming Los Angeles welterweight named Andy Price, on August 2, 1974. Since then he has engaged in eleven bouts, winning 9, drawing two. His draws were against Zovek Barajas, whom he later kayoed in a return, and Hedgemon Lewis whom he fought last November 22. His total record is 20-1-3, kayoing 8. Some of his better wins: Tim Walker, Nelson Ruiz, Roger Buckskin and John Pinedo.

Carlos Palomino makes his home in Los Angeles, California. His family moved there when he was ten. Carlos lives in a suburban house at Wistminster, which he shares with his 10 brothers and sisters and his 5-year-old son, Carlos Jr. Carlos sleeps in a bedroom over a converted garage with four beds in it. He says, "We live as one big happy family. My folks have helped me a lot, and now I hope I shall be in a position to do something for them. I want to build a new house for them and my brothers and sisters."

As for Mr. Stracey, it was a big blow to lose his title after holding it only 7 months and 16 days. Johnny Bratton, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has the record for holding the welterweight title, shortest time, 2 months and 5 days. This is John's fourth defeat. The others were to Canada's Marshall Butler by an eight round decision, a loss by foul to Bobby Arthur and a TKO due to a cut by U.S.A.'s Cubby Top Cat Jackson.

John won the welterweight crown from Jose Napoles on December 6, 1975, in Mexico City, via a kayo in six. He defended against Hedgemon Lewis on March 20, of this year. Stracey halted Lewis in the tenth round. His total, 44-4-1, with 36 kayos.

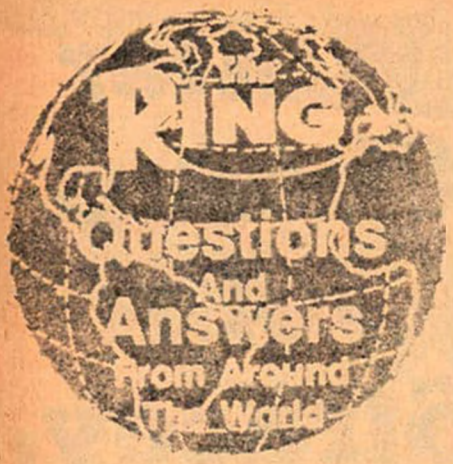
The contest was toe to toe for much of the fight. Stracey had a slight lead for the first six rounds, scoring with his long right hand leads and good left jabs and hooks to the head of Palomino. Carlos was doing a job on Stracey's body at this point, taking everything the champ had to offer.

Carlos started to come-on in round seven, and was carrying the fight to the champion, who started to slow down and began to look worried.

The next four rounds Palomino kept on coming, scoring to the body as the champion tried to hold him off.

The twelfth and final round saw Palomino come out for the kill. John looked about out on his feet. Those body blows had taken all the fight out of him. Carlos opened up with a barrage of lefts and rights to the body, and down went the king.

Stracey was up at eight and was again under attack from the U.S.A. boxer. Carlos landed another barrage of body punches and Stracey was again on the deck, again struggling to his feet. As Stracey leaned against the ropes for support, the referee stepped in to stop the fight at 1:35 of the round. *(continued on page 58)*



Q. Is it true that John L. Sullivan fought on a barge on the Hudson? Whom did he fight and when?

Robert Rollins
San Francisco, Calif.

A. Sullivan knocked out John Flood on a barge off Yonkers, N.Y., on the Hudson, on May 16, 1881, in eight rounds.

Q. Does THE RING accept the knockdown of Ali by Wepner as one of four times Ali hit the canvas?

Joe Drover
Halifax, Nova Scotia

A. Yes. The four are: Banks, Frazier, Cooper, Wepner, all official. The recent bout with the Japanese wrestler Inoki does not count.

Q. Do you know of any great fighter who was a very good tennis player?

Vernon Durocher
Portland, Me.

A. No. There have been fine fighters who excellend in baseball, football and wrestling, but no tennis players.

Q. I say Harry Greb decisioned Gene Tunney twice. My buddy says Tunney was never whipped. Who is right?

Virgil Anglada
Bronx, New York

A. Neither of you is correct. Tunney lost the American light heavy title to Greb on May 23, 1922. On February 23, 1923, Gene regained the title from Greb over 15 rounds. They fought three more times, with Gene winning the first fight then getting two "no decisions."

Q. Did Pal Moore beat Jimmy Wilde in England during the first World War?

Elbridge Gaines
New Haven, Conn.

A. Wilde got the decision, disputed by Americans. One of the judges said he had awarded several points to Wilde "for British courage."

Q. Bob Fitzsimmons was born in Cornwall, Britain. Why, then, is he listed as an American fighter? This is important as he has been Britain's only world heavyweight champion.

Archie Flood
Manchester, England

A. Fitz did almost all of his fighting in the United States and had very few connections with British boxing.

Q. How many times did Jeffries and Tom Sharkey meet?

James Laurie
Stockton, Calif.

A. Twice. Before winning the title Jeff stopped Tom in 20 rounds in San Francisco. As the titleholder, Jeff beat Sharkey in a 25 round fight at Coney Island. It was very close, and the referee, George Siler, needed a police escort from the arena.

Q. Was Marvin Hart recognized as the heavyweight champion?

Alex Drane
Los Angeles, Calif.

A. Hart never was universally recognized as champion after Jeff had retired, although he was recognized in some quarters.

Q. In which fight was Lavorante killed?

Enrique Lavorante
Colon, Rep. of Pa.

A. It is believed that the South American heavy died as the result of beatings by three opponents, Ali, Moote and Riggins, all in 1962 (Archie, March 30, Ali, July 30, and Riggins, September 21).

Q. A Boston school teacher, black, has been mentioned as having made a bid for the Ali-Norton fight. Who is she other than Mrs. Hall?

Ms. Clara Hall
Boston, Mass.

A. Investigation proves that she did make a bid for the fight. Is she a banker? Is she a promoter? Who knows? Boston sources know nothing about her.

Q. Not so long ago my uncle, Al Delmont, an old-time bantam, was elected to the New England Boxers' Hall of Fame. The whole family appreciates the honor. Al was a noted fighter. But where is the New England Hall of Fame? Nobody in Boston seems to know.

The Delmonts
Boston, Mass.

A. THE RING MAGAZINE cannot locate the New England Hall of Fame for boxers. Information is being solicited.

Q. What is the heavyweight division going to do when Muhammad Ali retires?

Ms. Gladys Crane
Boston, Mass.

A. You will notice that we have had a long string of heavyweight champions since Sullivan and interest has been maintained in the division and in boxing. The game will not die if Ali leaves. It may even enjoy a strong rise among a much larger field.

Q. In the early bare knuckle days in England the champion was Dan Mendoza. I have read that he was a Jew. Is this supported by fact?

Alvah Kahane
Madrid, Spain

A. Yes. There is no doubt that Mendoza was Jewish on both his father's and mother's side. The family originally was from Spain.

Q. Not so long ago there was a fight on the Coast in Africa between Obed and Simpson. It got little if any attention. Who won?

Harry Washington
Washington, D.C.

A. Obed won the fight, but he knew he had been in a battle, and toward the close reportedly was in trouble.

Q. For the recent fight between Ali and Dunn the official odds were quoted at 9 to 1. Was there actually any action at those figures? I would say that even after the Young-Ali fight the Dunn odds would have been 100 to 1. Young was 15 to 1 with no takers.

Dave Sheed
New York, N.Y.

A. The Dunn odds at 9 to 1 were based on a dream and not on the facts even after the Ali showing at 230, official. Ali has destroyed heavyweight betting.

Q. Did THE RING get any word on real betting on Benitez to beat Cervantes?

Roger Doyle
San Juan, Puerto Rico

A. No. There was no perceptible action in the betting market, such as it was.

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HE SAW CERVANTES LOSE

I saw the Benitez-Cervantes fight and there was nothing fishy about the decision against the titleholder. Benitez was trained to perfection. So was Cervantes, for that matter. I thought that Benitez was the stronger man. Maybe Cervantes was over trained. If they have a rematch I will bet on Cervantes.

Henry H. Tritter
Miami Beach, Fla.

A BIG VOTE FOR MARCIANO

I think now some of the worst conditions as far as American fighters are concerned exist. In the lighter divisions, where the foreigners have taken over, the leading and contender positions and the titles seem to be in good shape, because these foreign fighters are certainly, many of them, of the highest caliber and quality. It appears to me that the heavyweight division is in the worst shape that I've ever seen it in the entire history of the ring. The same faces have been around for the last five to ten years, and there seems to be some kind of round robin as they fight each other and alternately win or lose. I was more than surprised, however, in a poll of RING MAGAZINE that Rocky Marciano was rated 5th among all time heavyweight fighters. This, in spite of the fact that there was an unbiased, unprejudiced computer which went through the greatest heavyweight fighters and Rocky Marciano wound up being the all-time heavyweight champion. Then after the loud protestations of Clay, it is my understanding that he never legally had his name changed, there was a computer fight between him and Rocky Marciano in which Marciano knocked him out.

Rocky was not the type of guy who tooted his own horn. He was very modest and let his fists do his talking in the ring where he never lost a fight and never was held to a draw as a professional. He retired as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

I saw Rocky knock out Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles, and Archie Moore, three of the greatest fighters I have ever had the pleasure of seeing in action. I also remember Rocky taking a savage beating for 13 rounds from Joe Walcott and then knocking Joe Walcott out with one solid right hand shot in the 13th round.

Rocky Marciano was never out of shape and never fought a bad fight. He always gave his all and was dangerous, in fact, a terrifyingly dangerous foe at any time during any round of any fight. I saw him knock fighters out with either hand, short, long, roundhoused or straight punches. As Ezzard Charles so well put it, the best fighters he fought were Joe Walcott and Joe Louis. When they asked him about Rocky Marciano he said he wasn't the best fighter, the only trouble was you couldn't hurt him and you couldn't stop him.

I think it is about time that someone said what should be said, that Rocky Marciano was the greatest heavyweight champion of all time and furthermore, to give this great champion the credit he deserves for an outstanding record as a ringman, fighter and a man.

Louis M. Tarasi, Jr.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE GREATEST???

Muhammad Ali has shouted for so long and so loud, that he is the greatest thing that boxing has ever known.

He, and many boxing fans (who should know better) actually believe that Ali is the one man that has made boxing the great sport it is.

Rubbish, boxing was a great sport before Ali, and will still be a great sport after he has gone.

And if the man has any humility in him, he must admit that he did not put boxing in the headlines, but that boxing made him rich and famous, and without it he would be just another nobody.

Fred Spence
Birmingham, England

HENRY COOPER, THEN WHO?

I am making a study of the British heavyweight boxers from Mendoza to Dunn. To date it has been Henry Cooper and Henry Cooper alone. Bombardier Wells could box, but he had a glass jaw. Beckett could not fight. Dunn's jaw invites trouble for him. Perhaps the British heavy does not eat enough meat. Maybe his mother gave him too little spinach. In any event, it may be a matter of diet or it may be a question of the way boxing is run in the British Isles. I am left with Cooper and maybe I will give it up. Dunn is certainly not the worst British heavy champion of the Glove Era. That would have been Bodell.

Franklin Garvey
Manchester, England

WILL SEE ONLY THE LIGHTER MEN

I have decided to watch, for my money, only the lighter fighters. I am not going to be enticed into the heavyweight trap, with only one exception—the Ali-Norton possible jaw-buster.

Ali now admits that he feels like 34 years old, exactly what he is by the calendar. Norton should beat Ali, which he should have done the second time they met. Ali has started to talk his age. After the Dunn mess Ali said that he felt like he had felt when he started out. Well, he has learned a lot, but his muscles are no longer supple. Time has taken its toll of Cassius.

John K. O'Connell
Boston, Mass.

WHY WAS D. BOBICK TAKEN OFF THE HOOK?

I saw the Ali-Dunn card over TV and was left in doubt as to why the semi-final fight between Duane Bobick and Bunny Johnson was stopped, with the announcement that the Minnesotan had won? Duane was taken off the hook. He was getting beaten and it would have been dangerous for Bobick to have continued the fight. Duane never will be a contender because he cannot hit. I believe that Wepner would knock him out.

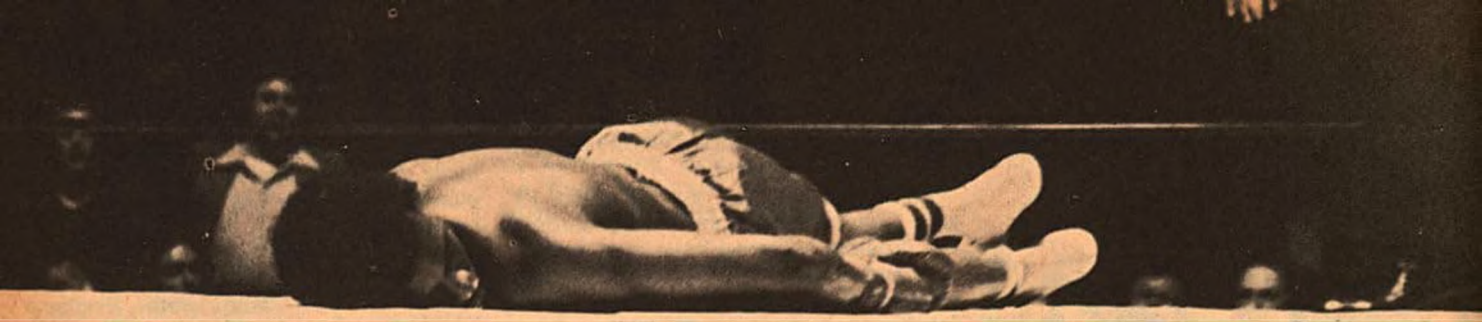
Joe O'Connor
San Francisco, Calif.

BENITEZ IS GOOD

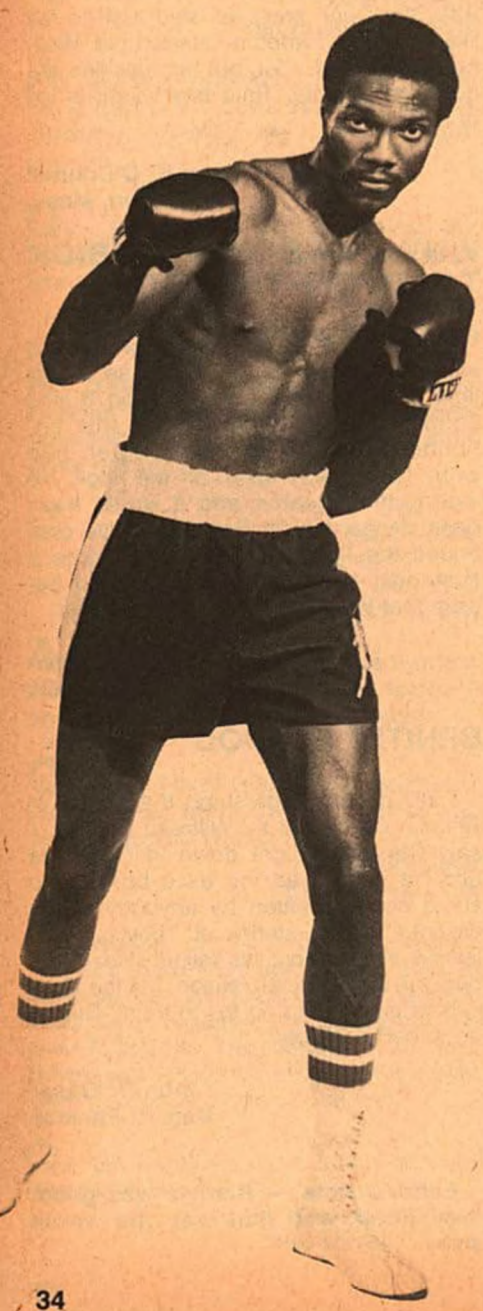
I still do not understand the defeat of Antonio Cervantes by Wilfredo Benitez. I saw Cervantes fight down in Colombia and he impressed me as a boxer who could not be beaten by anybody of his weight. Yet the stories of Tony's defeat left no doubt about his failure. Have you dug up any special reason for the Cervantes upset? Did he fail to train? Did he get a bad decision?

John D. Fraser
Rep. of Panama

Editor's Note — Benitez was good, very good, and that was the whole story.



Light Heavyweight Prospect, Vonzell Johnson



Ohio's Vonzell Johnson is a light heavyweight with a heavyweight punch, as Bruce Scott, seen unconscious above, can attest to.

By LONNY BAINES

THE city of Columbus Ohio, is well known to most of the sports fans across the nation today because of the great successes in the era of Woody Hayes and his Ohio State football victories and Rosebowl conquests. But as of a more recent date, and in another sport, we are again led to Columbus, where there has come to the surface a tall and gallant warrior by the name of Vonzell Johnson.

Johnson was born June 14, 1952, in Richland, Virginia. Today he stands 6'4" tall and weighs 178 pounds, and by modern day concepts he is quite a man. His parent resides in Columbus, Ohio, on Bentham Street. His mother, it goes without saying, is a very proud woman who has confidence in her son and hopes that he becomes the world's champion boxer and be one of the fortunate few to have the opportunity to gain fame and riches in the art of fisticuffs.

Pearl Johnson has always given her attention to the needs of her son and has always given encouragement when her son has needed support. Before many of Vonzell's amateur fights, it was largely her strong blessings and words of encouragement that gave him the inspiration and motivation to come home a winner.

Johnson, who still considers Columbus, Ohio, his home, has many friends and followers there, where he attended high school at Eastside High. Outside of his family, his strongest supporters, in terms of his amateur and professional career, have come from two gentlemen who are still developing and motivating youth in Columbus today, Mr. Ed Williams and Mr. Bill Cummings.

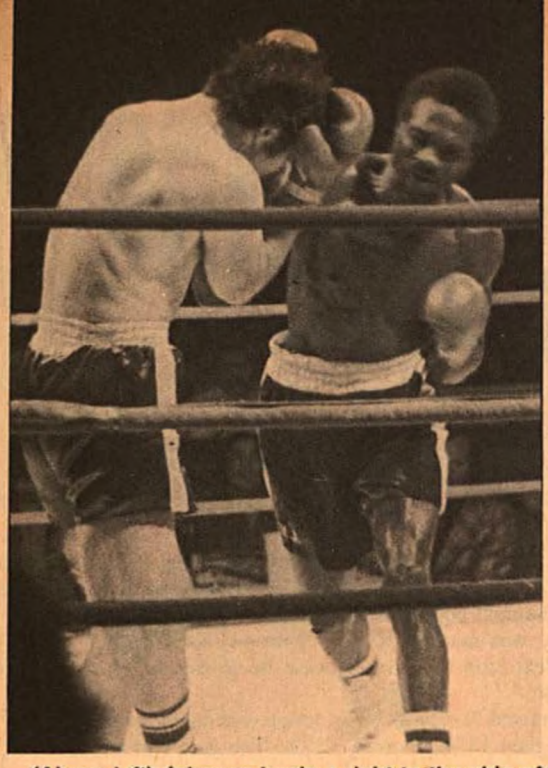
When Johnson began as an amateur at Sawyer Recreation Center Boxing Club at the age of 17, Williams began very masterfully to put together all the necessary materials that would make Johnson the fine amateur he developed into. He is well on his way to becoming one of the best professional boxers in the world.

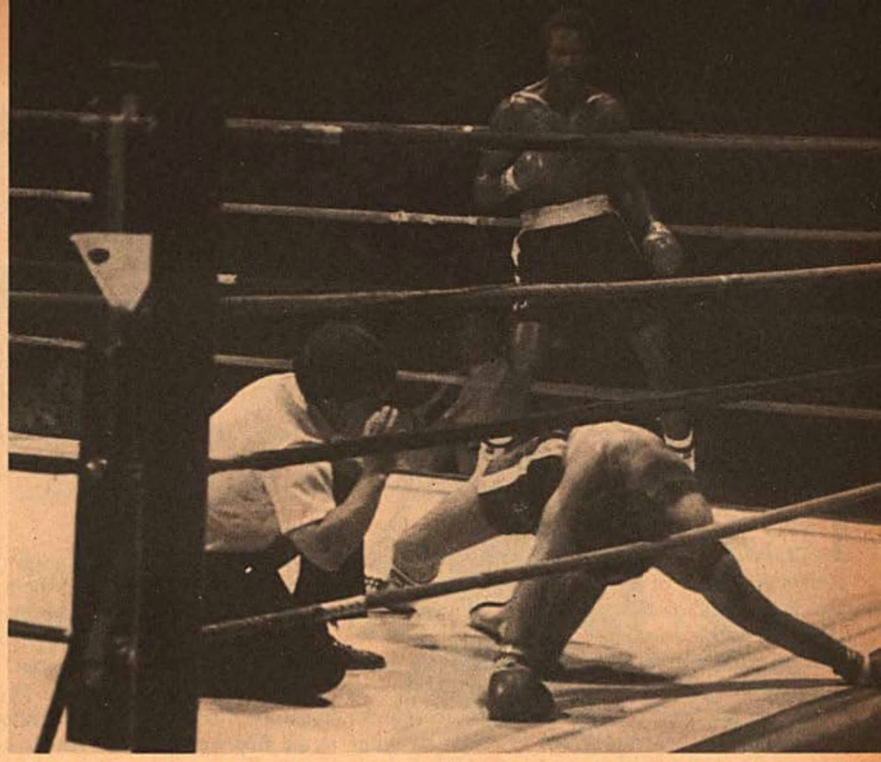
Johnson has accomplished such feats as winning: 1969 Golden Gloves, 156; 1971 State AAU Champion, 165; 1972 Golden Gloves Champion, 165; 1973 State AAU Champion, 178; 1973 Golden Gloves Champion, 165; 1974 Golden Gloves Champion, 178; 1974 National Golden Gloves Champion, 165; Ohio AAU Champion, 165; 1974 National AAU Champion, 165. He also toured Russia in 1974, where he was victorious in five consecutive bouts in the Kremlin, the only amateur boxer ever to have accomplished this feat.

Johnson, who makes a living displaying the art of fisticuffs around the country, is well on his way to becoming a very successful professional fighter and will soon be recognized as one of the contending light heavyweight fighters in the world.

Johnson initially delivered his first punch on the streets of Columbus, Ohio, and to date, it is not known who received that punch. In a short period of time afterwards, with the help of Ed Williams and Bill Cummings, Johnson turned from fighting in the streets to the ring and boxing.

Mr. Cummings, who heads the State Amateur Boxing Program in Ohio, along with the coaching of Mr. Ed Williams, started to develop the skills of Johnson. After hard work, they





(Above left) Johnson lands a right to the chin of Terry Lee in the second round of their Lake Tahoe, Nevada, fight. (Above right) Johnson waits for Lee to struggle up after his third trip to the canvas. The referee called a halt to the bout to save Lee from further punishment.

placed him in his first amateur fight in the city of Columbus, in which Vonzell came out victorious.

Johnson has been talked about among the members of the A.A.U. Committee and amateur boxing coaches throughout the country as being one of the most outstanding boxers in the amateur division to develop in the last 25 years. He has been given almost every notable award that can be bestowed upon an amateur boxer in the state of Ohio, as well as winning all the national tournaments in the United States.

After Johnson's successes in the amateur ranks, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Williams made contact with Henry Grooms, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, whereupon Grooms traveled to Columbus to sit down and talk with the youngster about his professional career.

After negotiations between all parties, it was decided by Vonzell Johnson that he would join Henry Grooms and his Professional Management Enterprises stable. Johnson need not have worried (after agreeing with Grooms to sign his contract) where he was going to get sparring partners, because his stablemates consisted of Len Hutchins, the United States Light Heavyweight Champion, and the leading contender in the world; Johnny Baldwin, the successful middleweight from Houston, Texas, with a record of 34 wins - 1 loss; Rico Hoye, the number 8th ranked U.S. middleweight whose record is 20-2; and Floyd Mayweather, the quick-handed, slick boxing welterweight who just defeated the fighter-of-the-month in the United States in his last outing in Seattle, Washington.

Also training Vonzell are Dale Williams and Robert Mitchell, who travel in and out of the United States with the Grooms's stable working to develop the fighters' skills.

Johnson, a very intelligent, astute individual, likes the quiet side of life and spends most of his time in the men's clothing stores purchasing shirts, trousers, and shoes. Johnson especially likes the casual look of sports outfits. He keeps up with the latest music and buys albums continually, mostly contemporary sounds.

Johnson concentrates on his boxing game no matter what else is going on in his life. During moments when he is enjoying his free time, he's always asking questions of his manager-trainer, Grooms, and trainers Del Williams and Robert Mitchell about the delivering of a punch or the proper execution of an upper cut.

Boxing is foremost in the life of Vonzell Johnson, and has been since the day he entered his first contest as an amateur. He is a

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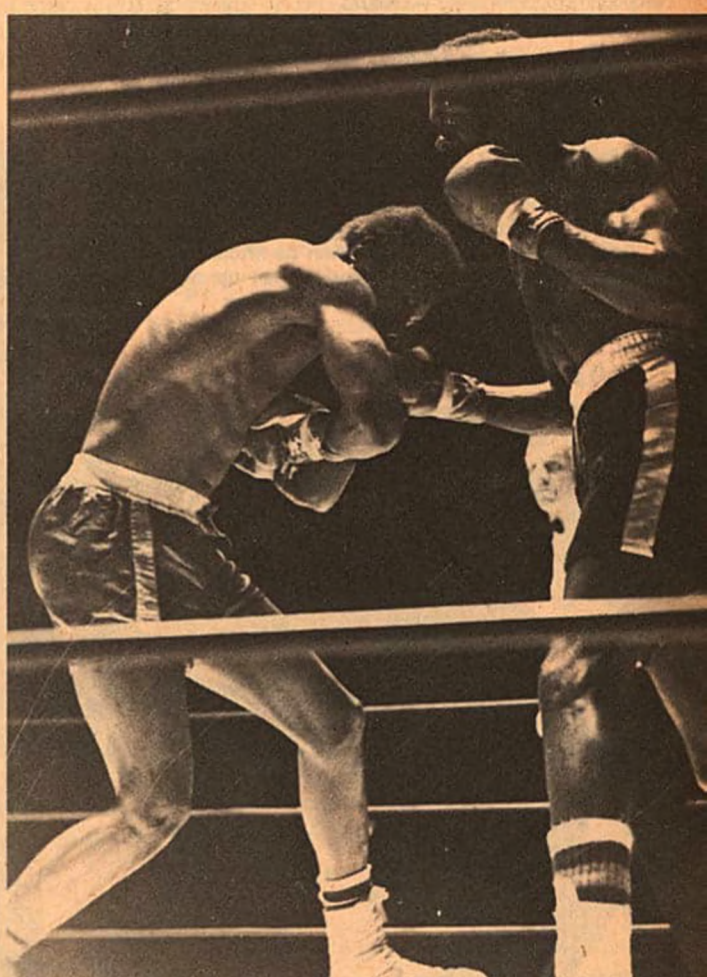

Johnson connects with a solid right to the chin of Bruce Scott during their Seattle fight, which only lasted rounds. Texas's Scott was hit so hard that his mouthpiece flew two or three rows back into the audience.

ARGUELLO HALTS TORRES WITH KO IN 3rd

By DON FRASER

INGLEWOOD, CAL.—Firing swifty and accurately, lean and trim Alexis Arguello, of Nicaragua, exploded against Salvador Torres at the 1:25 mark of the third round at the Forum before a roaring crowd of 8500.

Arguello's third round knockout allowed him to retain his featherweight title. It was his fourth successful defense.

Despite the brevity of the scheduled 15-rounder, fans saw a reckless devastating match. Torres came out swinging in the first round and won it with solid left right combinations.

The second round was a repeat of the first with both fighters scoring with heavy blows. Torres appeared to have an edge in the second, rocking the champion several times.

As the third got underway, the 23-year-old native of Guadalajara continued his offensive. Arguello saw his chance as Torres came in and landed a perfect right hand to the chin. Salvador tried to beat the count, but fell backwards and was counted out by referee Larry Rozadilla.

A mob of frenzied Nicaraguans stormed the ring to lift Arguello up in the air. It took ten minutes for the security guards to clear the area so that the next bout could continue.

The victory was number 50, knockout 44, for the rangy Central American. Next stop for Alexis could be in South Africa against Arnold Taylor.

Arguello praised Torres as being tough and courageous.

Alexis weighed 125¾, Torres, 125½. The gate was $108,100.

Jose Torres, 125½, the younger brother of Salvador, fared much better. He managed a 10 round draw with Abdul Bey, 125, West Africa.

At first, the decision was announced for Torres, but a check of the scorecards showed a mistake in addition, which resulted in the draw.

It was a lively scrap with Torres coming on strong in the late rounds.

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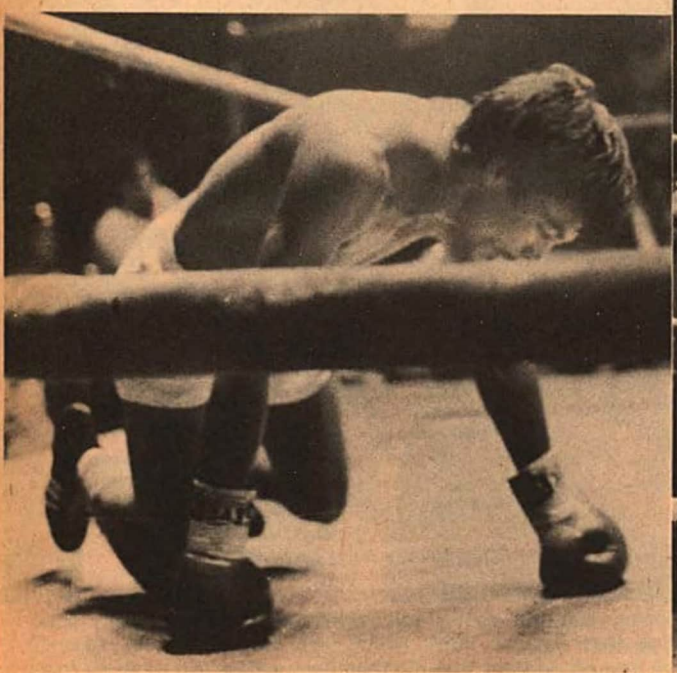
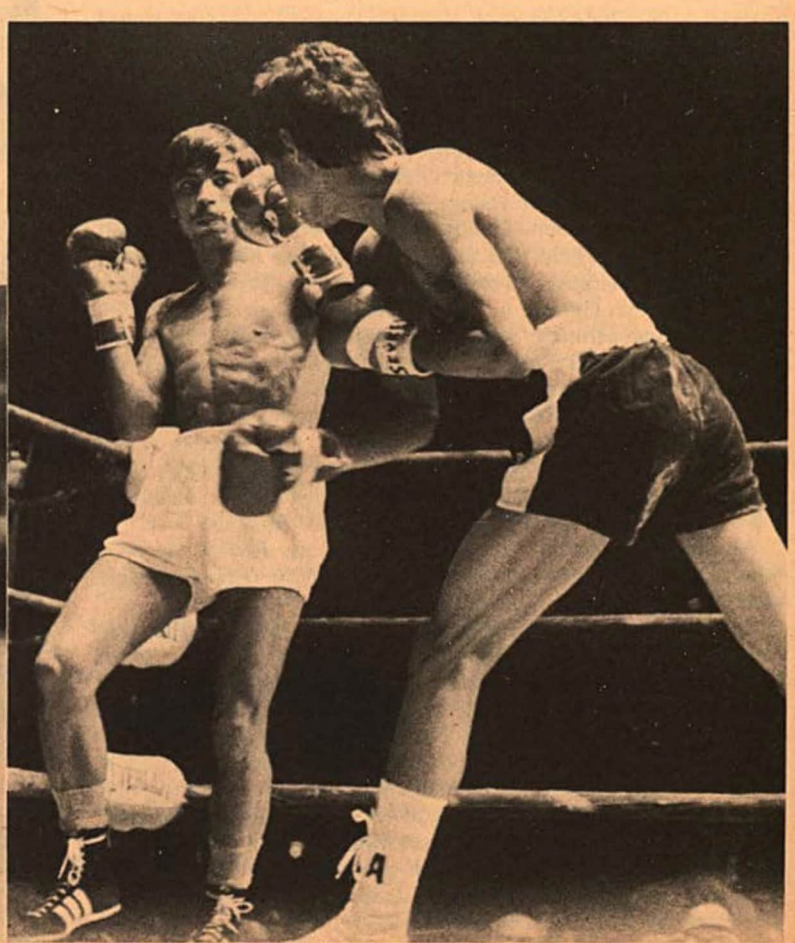
(Right)Salvador Torres, Mexico, backs away from a right cross thrown by Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, in the second round of their scheduled fifteen round featherweight title bout in Los Angeles. The champ, Arguello, retained his title when he knocked out Torres, seen below vainly trying to get up after being decked by a perfect right in round three.





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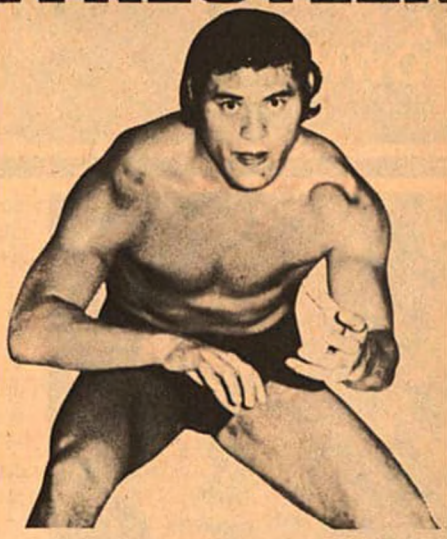

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UP AND DOWN

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By SAM TAUB

Hughie Ratzel, who fought all the top simon-pures back in 1923-1928, is currently in the hospital.

NEVER can tell where they come from as far as THE RING goes. Our Dan Daniel recently was visited by Percy Robinson, a visitor from New Zealand, who at one time was very active in amateur and professional boxing in New Zealand and Auckland. Percy was a very good friend of our late publisher and editor, Nat Fleischer. Mr. Robinson helps out with boxers from Samoa and the Fiji Islands, as well as from Australia. Spoke about the system in some places of three judges and a referee, with the latter only figuring in the decision in case of the trio of judges disagreeing as to the winner.

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Ran into a couple of our ex-middleweight kings recently when we had luncheon with Lou Fugazy, of the Fugazy Travel Bureau, a nephew of the late fight promoter, Humbert (Jack) Fugazy, in Fifeto Squeri's Restaurant, at 305 East 50th St., in New York City. Pals who never fought, although they were actually brought up together, neighborhood wise. We're talking about Rocky Graziano and Jake LaMotta, both of whom at one time were champions in the middleweight division. Rocky is doing quite well, especially with his TV commercials. LaMotta has been active in night clubs and was talking of making a picture. They sure cut up a few capers while we were with them.

Incidentally, Johnny Squeri, who operates the restaurant, is also an inspector on the State Athletic Commission, working mostly at wrestling shows. Many sports celebrities drop in at his famous spot. With our party was Neal Carmen, associated with Lou Fugazy, who, incidentally, has acquired 120 copies of THE RING from 1930 to 1940, a real collector's item.

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A voice from yesterday was recalled when we received a letter from Harold J. Walsh, of Barberton, Ohio, who managed a flock of pugilists in his day, among them Harry Krohn, Artie Root and Norman Genet. He also booked bouts in his Ohio sector for the late Leo P. Flynn, who had, at one time, the largest aggregation of fistic greats under his wing, topped by the late Bill Brennan and Dave Shade, who almost captured the welter crown. He spoke about Dick Evans, who came from Youngstown, a welterweight of renown in his heyday, who recently made a trip to Europe, and who settled in Reno, Nevada, and made a fortune. Incidentally, Walsh, now retired from sports and the foundry business, sends his best to the boys in New York.

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Time waits for no man. Yearly sports dinners come and go. We just heard again from our friend, Adrian Bailey, about this year's bash. We've never missed one. The location has been changed. The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame's 1976 session, marking the 8th Annual Induction Dinner, will this year be held at the Cameo, 546 River Drive, in Garfield, N.J., on Sunday, October 17.

For this year's affair ex-New Jersey boxers being honored will be Abie Bain, Frankie Bove, Eddie Durino, Charley Fusari, Joe Harris, "Fitzie" Pruden, Joey Ross, Irish Johnny Toye and Kid Troy. Bain has promised to come back from California for the affair and to visit his people in Newark. Besides the honored guests posthumous awards will also be made to Jimmy Carter, of Hoboken, N.J., Benny O'Neil, of Elizabeth, Andy Thomas, of Newark, and Jack Poliseo, of Newark.

Many outstanding sports figures are expected to grace the dais, among them Harry Markson, former president of Madison Square Garden Boxing, and Jimmy Jacobs, with his films of past fights. We have never missed one of these Bailey affairs and hope to be with them again. Sit down buffet at 4:40 P.M. and Dinner at 6 P.M. sharp. Donations $16.50 each. It's generally a great program.

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They not so long ago tossed a testimonial to Archie Hindman, the Hoosier, who is quitting his association with the Dana Corp. this year. Hindman is more noted for his association with boxing, having been a boxer, for years affiliated with the Indiana Athletic Commission. He put in his years as a fight trainer, also, and was with the amateur gang before finally moving into the pro category.

Archie Hindman is not only known in his locales, but all over the world. A close personal friend of many of our ex-champs, Jack Dempsey, Ezzard Charles, Rocky Marciano, Joe Louis and others, for years holding down the post of executive secretary of the National Boxing Association. Incidentally, before his adventures with pro activities, Archie for 26 years was a referee in Muncie, Indiana, Golden Gloves bouts. Hindman was born in Hagerstown, Md.

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Communiques come in regularly from the fight army around the country, directly from ex-gladiators or their friends. Recently, we received a letter from our friend Johnny Hayes Ferrara, of Ridgewood, N.Y., concerning a lad who has been ill at the V.A. Hospital, 1st Ave. & 24th St., New York City, whose name is Hugh Ratzel. This is the story of Gentleman Ratzel:

Hughie boxed all the top simon-pures back in 1923-28. Among them were Mushy Callahan, Andy DiVodi, Ray and Sam Davis, Harry Wallach, Walter Plona, Jackie Donohue, Calvin Reed, Phil Leun, Pete Caesar, Izzy Grove, Joe Spatola, Georgia Daggett, Solly Ritz, Benny Nabers, Eddie Christiansen, Jack DeSanti, Murray Kezd, Johnny Vasta, Eddie (Newsboy) Curley, Georgie Russo, Lew Lafferty, Johnny Ralston, Tommy (Twin) Rizzo, Tony Pet-

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

IT all happened many years ago—September 29, 1941, to be exact, at Yankee Stadium, N.Y.C.,—Joe Louis, then the heavyweight champion of the world and the greatest fist-fighter I've ever seen in action, kayoed Lou Nova of Van Nuys, California, in the sixth round to successfully defend his heavyweight title. Louis's end for this title tiff was $199,500—a paltry sum considering what Muhammad Ali picks up today for boxing nonentities the likes of Richard Dunn, and Japanese wrestlers. . .Today many of the young, new boxing addicts will ask—who was Lou Nova?? Well, in the Joe Louis era Lou Nova was considered the top heavyweight contender. He topped a list of fighters who would experience very little difficulty with the list of "pretenders" who masquerade as legitimate contenders today! Lou was a college boy—big, strong and dedicated. Today Nova is still a big, strong guy, but has launched himself on another successful career in the field of acting. Nova does a one-man comedy act, including talms (I didn't know what they were either, but Lou tells me a talm is putting poetry to talk). Lou has appeared in several night clubs across this land, and has been the recipient of the C.B. DeMille Savoir-Faire Award, given annually by the Thespian Society of Southern California, as their "man of the year." The one man act is something to see—his latest effort had a s.r.o. crowd at the prestigious A.B.C. Entertainment Center in Century City, Los Angeles, cheering madly. Now Lou Nova is anxious to play the London Palladium, and his act (you guessed it) can be booked through this writer. . .Doug Lord, who managed Curtis Cokes to the welterweight championship of the world, has a new scrapper who he figures is destined for stardom, in heavyweight Bruce Grandham, who operates out of Dallas, Texas. . .Lord also still handles the managerial reins of light-heavyweight Terry Daniels, who has been boxing "out of his weight," as a heavyweight. Congratulations to my neighbor Lou Brouillard, former welterweight and middleweight champion of the world on passing his 65th milestone—Lou is in great shape today, and regrets the fact that he was born 40 years too early. . .Lou Gross, internationally known trainer of repute for the past 48 years, is still available to work with fighters. He is based at Miami Beach, Florida, and has worked with 17 world champions in the past as a "cut man." His last three champions who were fortunate to have him in their corner were Willie Pastrano, Carlos Ortiz and Bob Foster. . .Paddy Flood, N.Y. fight manager with a lot of know-how is smiling once again, now that his fighter Lee Elson is back in the gym and shaping up after a near fatal auto crash. . .Manager Lou Viscusi hopes to have his former champ, Bob Foster, challenging for the world title once again. . .It is hard to understand why a trainer like Boston's Al Lacy is no longer active, but then again, with the lack of good boxers around, Al is not a guy to waste his time with kids who don't want to learn. . .Lacy's last gem was middleweight champion, Paul Pender, now an assistant athletic director at the University of Massachusetts annex, at Columbia Point in South Boston. . .Chicago's singing former heavyweight king, (W.B.A. version) Ernie Terrell, will have a new recording out soon. It's called "I Love The World". . .good boy, Ernie, hope you make a dollar with it. . .Willie Pep, back in Connecticut after a vacation in Tampa, Florida, with his seven year old daughter, Melissa. . .Lew Jenkins stole the show when he took the dais for the Eddie Muller retirement dinner at San Francisco—Muller served as boxing editor of the "San Francisco Examiner" for 52 years. Katie Jenkins, ex-wife of Lew who was the "talk of the town" in N.Y.C. back in the days when Lew was lightweight champion of the world as the first woman corner-man (or corner-woman)—requesting a license from the N.Y. Boxing Commission, will find time to write a book now that she has been forced out of the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas after 27 years. Katie later became manager of welterweight Carmine Fatta, after Lew and her split up. . .Frank Morris, chief deputy commissioner with the N.Y. Athletic Commission, had to take some time off from his duties because of high blood pressure. . .Ray Robinson says Jake LaMotta was the toughest guy he ever fought, but the hardest puncher was Artie Levine—remember him? Babe Griffin, bar owner and fight promoter of repute in and around San Francisco is still going strong after 53 years in this business. His latest moneymaker is a young welterweight named Pete Ranzany, who just flattened veteran Benny Huertas before a sellout house. Former middleweight champ Carl Bobo Olson served as his matchmaker for spell. Bobo's son serves as his bartender. . . Tacoman Dale Grant, one-time middle and light-heavyweight prospect, is undergoing hypnosis and psychiatry in order to return to the ring wars out California way. . .Seats for the Carlos Monzon-Rodrigo Valdes middleweight title tiff in Monte Carlo went for $250 each, ringside. . .Many of Ruben Olivares's friends are saying "say it isn't so." They don't want him to make another comeback. . .One must credit Richard Dunn, the Britisher who fought toe-to-toe with Muhammad Ali in Munich, as the gamest guy around, but he didn't have much know how, didn't even know how to clinch when hurt, tried to fight back, which didn't show much for a ranked heavyweight fighting for a world title. . .Where are the heavyweights of the future? Veteran Philadelphia boxing manager Joe Gramby (he's been a friend of mine for years) is a bit disappointed over his number one light-heavyweight threat Richie Kates losing to W.B.A. champ, Victor Galindez, in Johannesburg, South Africa, but Kates, at 23, will be back. Gramby managed Bob Montgomery to the lightweight title years ago—very astute, intelligent boxing man. . .Tony Janiro, who back in the "fabulous fifties" was considered a future champ, but never did quite make it all the way, is now a bartender at Sal and Toms, 1227 St. Nicholas Avenue, in the Bronx, N.Y. . .Meanwhile, former middleweight champ Gene Fullmer is now a Utah gentleman rancher, bank V.P. and Mormon Church elder. . .! Biff Cline, the 183 pounder who is kayoing everyone in sight around Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland, is the son of fight manager

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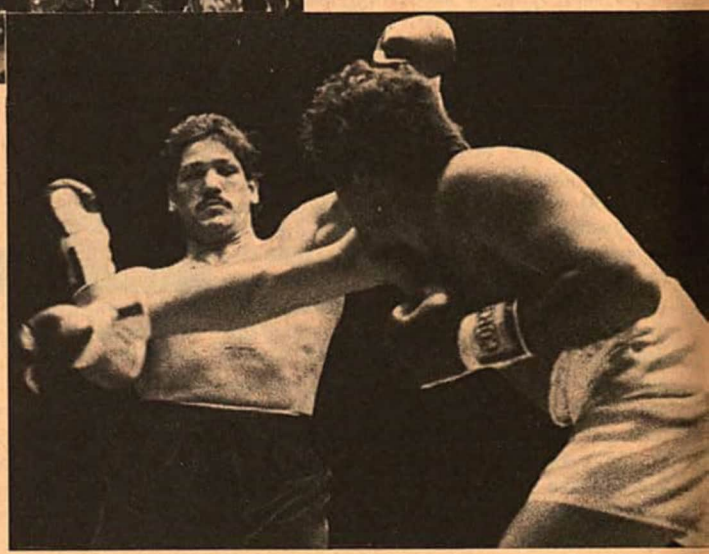
Lou Brouillard, ex-welterweight and middleweight champion of the world, has just turned 65.

(Left) The funeral and burial of Osvaldo "Ringo" Bonavena, who died on May 22, 1976, brought a crowd of 150,000, 34 hearses carrying tons of flowers and hundreds of cars in the cavalcade. Bonavena's last bout in Argentina was against Raul Gorosito on January 11, 1975, which Ringo won by decision. (Below) Bonavena backs away from a long right thrown by Gorosito, and (bottom of page) Ringo's arm is raised in victory.



150,000 at Bonavena's Funeral in Buenos Aires

By MARIO A. GRU

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA — Osvaldo "Ringo" Bonavena, who was shot and killed in Virginia City, Nevada, on May 22 under circumstances that are under investigation, was buried in Buenos Aires with a pomp and grand scale mourning that reflected a popularity rarely seen in his native country.

The closest comparison was the farewell given forty years ago to "all-time-favorite" tango singer Carlos Gardel.

The veiling brought a crowd of 150,000 to the Luna Park Stadium. The burial attracted 34 hearses, hundreds of cars, thousands on foot around the coffin walking all the way to the cemetery, flowers thrown from balconies and from people on the sidewalks, all making that moment unforgettable.

Bonavena, a fighter, received the farewell of a hero. It was, in fact, a Requiem for a Boxer, because that's what he was all his life. He fought poverty as he fought in the ring, with roughness. He fought the world to go up in the world.

How many in that crowd went to see the boxer's body just out of curiosity because of the way he died? Some for sure. But he had—it was proved by the grandiose funeral he got—a great crowd of followers.

He was, no doubt, an idol whom many boys and youngsters from poverty stricken homes followed with admiration and somehow envy for what he became in life and his way to fight the world with his fists and a joke.

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NORTON SAYS, "ALI'S GOT TO REMEMBER I BROKE HIS JAW"

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of a celebrity in their midst. In San Jacinto, Hemet, and Gilman Hot Springs people in restaurants, drug stores, clothing stores and gas stations, wait for the moments when their idol comes to town.

Women drool, men admire, and children are awe-struck. Norton has a special rapport with children, who follow him down the street and flock to his training sessions. One 13-year old, whose mother works at Massacre Canyon, gets up at 5 a.m. every day to run with his favorite fighter.

Ken and his trainer, Bill Slayton, have made friends with virtually everyone in the mountain towns.

Slayton is close to Norton, both as a friend and as a trainer. He and Manager Bob Biron exclusively comprise the Norton Entourage.

"I ain't like Ali," disdains Ken. "I don't need a hundred people around me telling me how great I am because I pay them to say so."

"Sure I like attention and admiration, but only from people who really mean it. I can't stand phonies.

"During a big fight, I hire three bodyguards. But the rest of the time the only two men I need in my camp are Bob and Bill."

Bob Biron, the wealthy San Diego business man who is Norton's manager, has expertly guided his fighter's climb to the near-pinnacle. Biron's superb business ability is matched by his devotion to Ken whom he treats as a son.

"Bob is my great white father," says Norton. "He's my manager for my boxing career, my movie career, and my personal finances. I never have to worry about Bob giving me the shuffle. I trust him implicitly!"

As Biron is the great white father of Norton management. . . .so is Bill Slayton the great black father of Norton boxing artistry.

Ken is lavish in praise of his trainer: "There's been a big change in my fighting since Bill took over," he states. "Bill has made me a more learned, more polished boxer. We discuss everything together and then we combine our ideas in the ring."

"I trust Bill implicitly, just like I do Bob. Bill is the best trainer around, and I think he's highly underrated in the boxing world."

Slayton's word is law in the boxing gym, and Norton follows his instructions to the letter.

"I'm a very avid pupil," says Ken. "That's why I've gotten better and better. In fact, every time I fight I learn something. In boxing, and in all of life, nobody should ever stop learning!"

Norton never stops learning—and he never stops fighting.

As a tune-up bout before the Ali extravaganza, Norton fought Terry Middleton in San Diego.

Discussing the Middleton fight during breakfast, Norton shrugged and stated, through a mouthful of eggs, "This ain't no problem. I'll tear that guy to pieces."

Meanwhile, although the volcano is not yet smoldering, Norton is thinking constantly of Ali.

He proclaims, "When I'm running, when I'm punching, when I'm sparring, I'm thinking of Ali. I guess my Marine training has formed this sign in my mind. It says 'Ali' in big letters—and bombs are coming at the word from all directions."

"Let's be realistic," continues Norton. "This is gonna be a real tough fight for both of us. Ali will be in the best possible shape to fight me. He's got to remember I broke his jaw once. And he's also got to know that in reality I won our second fight although they gave him the decision. Man, even Ali's mouthy, good-luck charm, Bundini, thought I won that fight.

"Anyway, Ali's got to be remembering these things, and that's gonna make him fight even harder. In fact, he'll be trying so extra hard he'll make some mistakes. And every mistake he makes, I'll be right there to take advantage of it."

The fight notwithstanding, Norton has a great liking for Muhammad Ali. "Sure I like the man," says Ken. "I respect him—and I admire him a lot for what he's done for the world, for the black people, and for boxing. But I'm not in awe of him. Once we get in the ring everything else goes out the window. In there it's just gonna be two men facing each other for the same prize—the World Heavyweight Championship. I got everything to gain and nothing to lose. With Ali it's the opposite, he's got everything to lose and nothing to gain."

Norton went on, "This fight has got to draw the biggest gate in history. Ali is still a top attraction, and people will be coming from all over the world to see him. And I've been knocking guys off the past couple of years, so my popularity has grown. And the movies I've played in have also made me more famous."

Ken, as astute about money as he is about boxing, continued, "The money for this fight is something else. I'm getting $1.2 million guarantee plus a percentage that starts from the first dollar. I've figured my percentage to run between 3 and 5 million!

"Ali and I are both gonna be a lot richer after this one!"

"And what will you do if you lose?" I asked.

"How do you spell that word?" parried the contender. "I never have any negative thoughts. I figure anything the mind can conceive, the body can achieve. So my mind and body together are gonna get me the heavyweight championship!

"By the time I'm through, Ali will think he's been hit by all those bombs I got pictured in my mind!"

So speaks. Ken Norton, who at this writing, is No. 1 Contender for the world heavyweight championship. After September 28 he may be No. 1, heavyweight champion.

At any rate, his training grounds are aptly named, because the No. 1 resident of Massacre Canyon has a massacre on his mind these days—the massacre of Muhammad Ali—and the taking of boxing's most coveted scalp, the Heavyweight Championship of the World!

SEALES STOPS HOYE IN 4

By RUGGLES LARSON

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — "Sugar" Ray Seales successfully defended his North American Boxing Federation middleweight title by knocking out Rico Hoye, 158½ lbs., Seattle, Washington, in the fourth round of a scheduled twelve rounder at the Seattle Arena. Seales nailed the former Michigan fighter with an overhand left at 2:18 of the fourth round before a reported 2,500 fans, grossing $15,000.

Vonzell Johnson, 174, Seattle, t.k.o.'ed Eddie "Red Top" Owens of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in the tenth and final round. Bruce Grandham, 215, Seattle, Washington, t.k.o.'ed Memphis Cross in the second round on an eye cut in the top preliminary. Two other Seattle prospects, Grigg Coverson and Floyd Mayweather also scored victories on the Seales-Hoye undercard.

Coverson t.k.o.'ed Hideo Kitani, 135, Vancouver, B.C., in the second round and Mayweather t.k.o.'ed Freddie Jones, 147, Portland, Oregon in the third round on an eye cut.

▲**INCLINE VILLAGE, NEVADA** — Mike Colbert, former national AAU champ from Portland, Oregon, who has been anxiously waiting for a bout with Tacoma's Ray Seales, scored a ten round decision over Rudy Cruz, 161, Fresno, California. Due to the lack of professional boxing cards in the state of Oregon, Colbert has been forced to find employment elsewhere.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

Olivares Halts Lupikonete at 2:58 of Round One

LOS ANGELES — Looking the best since he stopped Bobby Chacon last year, ex-bantam and featherweight champ Ruben Olivares stormed over Thailand's Pajet Lupikanete in less than one round.

Olivares, 128, didn't even get this hair mussed in halting Lupikanete at 2:58 of the first.

Referee George Latka stopped the one sided brief affair after the Thai had visited the canvas three times. It was hard to evaluate Ruben's performance, but he looked trim and had plenty of fire power.

It ended a two fight losing streak (David Kotey and Danny Lopez) for the carefree Mexican. Lupikanete, 125, was billed as the featherweight champion of Thailand.

Olivares's purse was $10,000, a comedown for him. The Thai received $2,000.

In the best fight of the night, Andy (Hawk) Price, 148, Los Angeles, uncorked an upset in defeating Jose (Pipino) Cuevas, 146½, Mexico City, in 10 rounds.

Cuevas, the WBA's 10th ranking welter, was a heavy favorite to make good in his first Los Angeles appearance.

Alfredo Pitaula, 127, Bogata, Colombia, was impressive in knocking out David Sotelo, 127, Los Angeles, midway in the sixth round. Pitaula, based in Mexico City, had to recover from a third round knockdown.

In the opening 10-rounder, Raul Tirado, 121, Mexico City, stopped Juan Zamora, 120, Los Angeles, in the final round.

A good crowd, 8,500, paid $68,200. The show was promoted by Rogelio Robles's Azteca Promotions.

▲**San Bernardino** — Conrado Vasquez, 122, Manila, P.I., outlasted Jose Del Rio, 120¾, Los Angeles, in a bruising 12-rounder that was sanctioned by the State Athletic Commission for the "California Super Bantamweight Title."

Other results: David Bernal, 133¾, East Los Angeles, KO over Roberto Sanchez, 133, Los Angeles, (2); Alvaro Lopez, 161, Los Angeles, decision over Lee Kahey, 159, Los Angeles, (5); Paz Mena, 113, Los Angeles, decision over Alfonso Gonzales, 116, (4).

The gate was $2,007.50.

▲**Los Angeles** — Howard Smith, unranked by RING, but rated as the No. 4 heavyweight by the World Boxing Council, had to work overtime to dispose of Dan Johnson in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

The crowd of 2,500 wasn't too happy with Smith's performance and manager Harry Kabakoff agreed.

Smith, 202, put together a flurry of blows that dumped Johnson, 208, through the ropes in the ninth. The Florida boxer managed to beat the count, but a long right hand ended it midway in the tenth.

Dick Young counted Johnson out.

In a women's four rounder, Diane Syverson, 147, Montebello, decisioned Princss Red Star in a lively scrap.

Other results: Alfonso Gonzales, 116, Los Angeles, decision over Paz Mena, 115, Los Angeles, (4); Joe Garcia, 191½, Montebello, KO over Earl McLeay, 208, Calagay, Canada.

▲**Fresno** — Pete Constancio, 135½, Fresno, decisioned Armando Cordova, 139, Los Angeles, in a fast paced six rounder at the Warner Theatre.

Ernie O'Neal, 161, Los Angeles, and John Mancino, 161, Fresno, drew in six rounds. In another six, David Pacheco, L.A., 128, nodded Dave Haros, 128, Fresno.

The show was held in conjunction with the closed circuit telecast of the Miguel Canto-Hanagata WBC flyweight title fight, which was held in Medria, Mexico.

The paid gate was 300 fans.

▲**Los Angeles** — Ricardo Garcia, 134, Mexicali, won a slugging duel from Teru Noji, 133, Tokyo, scoring a knockout in the fourth round at the Olympic Auditorium.

In their first meeting in San Bernardino, Garcia was hard pressed to gain a 10 round decision.

Garcia had the Japanese down twice in the fourth before referee Larry Rozadilla decided that was enough.

Other results: Rudy Ramirez, 123, Los Angeles, decision over Dave Haro, 129, East Los Angeles, (6); Frankie Baltazar, 133, Los Angeles, KO over Antion Meza, 135, Montebello, (1).

▲**Los Angeles** — Norwalk's Rudy Hernandez used an accurate left hand to register a unanimous 10 round decision over Javier Muniz of Montebello in the feature event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Hernandez ran his pro record to 25 against one loss (Jimmy Heair). Muniz is 25-6-1. Referee Lou Filippo scored the bout, 99-93; judge Vince Delgado, 97-93; and judge Eddie Fierro, 98-92.

Other results: Manuel Castellanos, 128, Los Angeles, decision over Art Martinez, Montebello, (4); Zeffie Gonzalez, 144½, Montebello, and Freddy Washington, 146½, Los Angeles, drew (7); Mike Stuart, 117½, Los Angeles, KO over Alfonso Delgadilo, 116½, Los Angeles, (2).

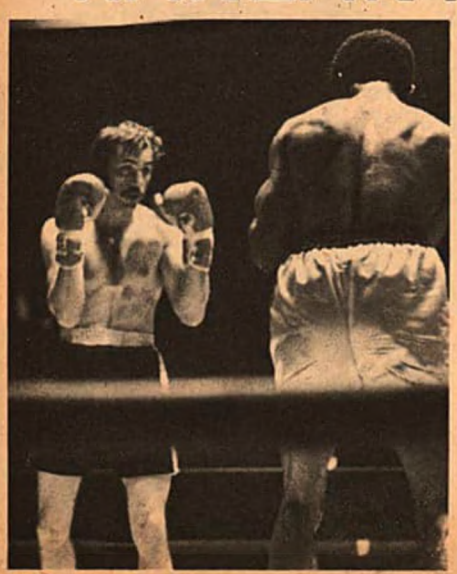
Ex-bantam and featherweight champ Ruben Olivares flattened Thailand's Pajet Lupikanete in less than one round in Los Angeles.

RANZANY KO's HAYMAN IN 10

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

Sacramento — It wasn't a pretty fight, it wasn't even a dramatic fight. Over nine grueling rounds local idol Pete Ranzany again proved his top world ranking by pounding Alfonso Hayman, of Philadelphia, into a bloodied and badly bruised hulk. Ranzany was declared the winner before the start of the final round when Hayman was ruled unfit to continue.

Ranzany, 147, was well prepared for what was supposed to be his toughest test. Unfortunately his opponent didn't live up to the billing. But perhaps that was just a matter of the many body punches that Hayman absorbed each round, for the deep gash that bled freely over his right eye for all nine rounds.



Pete Ranzany, left, faces Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia, in round one of the Sacramento fight that was stopped before round 10. Photo by Harry Rosenbluth.

Prior to the start of the third round there was tension in he air, the kind that exists in a fight crowd when nobody knows who's going to win. That tension is raw and nervous and perhaps unique to boxing.

But after two rounds there was little question of who was going to win, it was only a matter of when. Hayman is said to have never been knocked off his feet, and if that is so then, for what it's worth, his honor remains intact. But to retain that distinction Hayman was stunned, staggered, dazed and repeatedly hit hard in the body and head. Not once, though, did Hayman lose his ring expertise to the point that Ranzany had a chance to follow up and knock him out. And so the bout became a matter of one fighter severely punishing another, a brutal one sided lacing that was as tough as nails and as nasty as could be.

At the close of the ninth round the ringside physician was motivated to inspect Hayman's eye and declare the fight over. The crowd already knew that the fight was over.

Ranzany's record is now twenty-five wins against one loss, which he had the pleasure of avenging with a knockout.

Besides Pete's considerable punching power, which he has developed under the direction of manager Joey Lopes, he has become a good stand up boxer. Everything about him suggests that he is developing with each fight, taking over something from each of his opponents. Unfortunately, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find willing competition.

Promoter Babe Griffin was pleased that 3,978 fans paid over $28,000 to see a local talent closing in on a title fight.

In the semi-main event world ranked jr. welterweight Monroe Brooks scored a lop-sided unanimous decision over Augustine Estrada. Brooks has been in the world rankings for a number of years and he is due a chance at the championship.

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BURKE REVEALS INSIDE STORY OF LANDING ALI-NORTON FOR GARDEN

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Yankee Stadium, to the City of New York and Mike Burke."

The interviewer asked Burke, "Where are you getting all the money? The deal seems to call for about 9 million."

Burke replied that the Garden was guaranteeing the funds and that all of the money was being furnished by local banks. No outside help was to figure in the financial arrangements.

Burke went on, "Ali wants Norton and Ken wants Muhammad. In my opinion this will be farewell to the fight game for Ali. He is 34 and the Young affair did not heighten his enthusiasm.

"This fight will re-establish the much needed old balance in boxing not only in New York, but the world over."

When Burke was asked if it is true that the Black Muslims have decided to loosen the business of going along with white people, he replied, "I cannot answer that question because I do not know."

Don King insisted that he was in possession of the signatures of Ali and Norton.

When Don was asked if he contemplated court action he smiled and turned to other questions.

It is quite certain that he will get a pound of flesh.

Outsiders believe that King has been punished by the Muslims.

The Muslims wanted the Ali-Norton fight in New York, in Yankee Stadium. Ali was reported to be very eager to return to New York. New York was eager to have him back.

Chances are that if King had held on to the promotion he would have landed in the Landover Arena in Maryland where Ali met Young.

The upshot of it all is that the Garden has come alive, that Ali and Norton will fight for the world championship in Yankee Stadium on September 28, giving Norton his third shot at Ali, whose jaw he fractured in their first meeting, in San Diego.

FOREMAN DRIVES FRAZIER INTO RETIREMENT WITH KO IN FIVE

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used the rope-a-dope and the Ali shuffle to panic George, but it failed to do so. Foreman had this round in his back pocket until the last 30 seconds, when Joe opened up and landed four straight left hooks to the right side of Foreman's head. The big man was stopped right in his tracks.

Round five proved to be the end of the line for Joe. He gave it everything he had in the last seconds of the fourth. He came out for the fifth and never attempted to land a blow. He was against the ropes blocking punches, when he was tagged by a hard right to the chin, followed by a left hook which knocked his mouthpiece and six teeth out of his mouth.

Down he went on all fours. Referee Harold Valan gave him the eight count and let the contest go on. Another attack by George caught Joe in the face, and a final right-left had Frazier down again.

He got up at six looking hurt, and was bleeding from the right eye and from his nose.

At this point referee Valan took Foreman by the hand to the far side of the ring. Frazier's trainer, Eddie Futch, jumped up into the ring and held Joe in his arms as the referee halted the contest at 2:26 of the round.

The Jerry Perenchio Promotion in partnership with Las Vegas's Caesars Palace lost about 2 million dollars on the live-gate and closed-circuit. The attendance at the Nassau Coliseum was 10,340, and grossed $512,075. The building was half full.

What next for Foreman? Well with Ali-Norton coming up in September, he should be first in line to box the winner. There is talk of a bout with Jimmy Young and maybe a boxing match with world heavyweight wrestling king Bruno Sammartino.

SALDIVAR AND SMITH SCORE UPSET WINS

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most of the way taking three punches to land one, and was on the deck in the first round.

Young Houpe was cut over the eyes, as was Roman. The crowd vocally disapproved of Jose not being given the chance to finish the bout with just one second left.

All in all, matchmaker Don Chargin put on a good action card, the best seen around here in a long while.

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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT PROSPECT, VONZELL JOHNSON

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diligent trainer, and pays strict attention to what he is doing. This not only occurs during training in the gym, but also during the course of a fight; he follows his instructions to the letter. He is a dedicated and sincere fighter who has strong aspirations of becoming a world's champion.

Vonzell Johnson has been campaigning as a professional for the last year and a half. Grooms has taken him along slowly, but well. As of this date, his record stands at 11-0. He has boxed in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Detroit, and Seattle, so his success as a fighter stands to be recognized by boxing people around the country, where, as a young preliminary and main event fighter, he has taken his chances in terms of not worrying about home town decisions, home town crowds, etc.

Johnson is now a main event boxer, and for his first 10 round fight he ventured to Seattle to box on a show that was presented by Global Productions at the Seattle Arena, on April 21, 1976. Johnson was to oppose a young man by the name of Bruce Scott, from Dallas, Texas. Scott, who's known around the boxing world as an average fighter, and who has done some globe trotting on his own around the country, fought a year ago in Houston, Texas, on a Pete Ashlock promotion, fought Lonnie Bennett, who fought John Conteh for the light heavyweight championship just this last year. Scott lost on TKO in the fight after going nine rounds with Bennett.

Johnson knocked Bruce Scott out in the second round with a triumphant right hand to the chin. The punch left Scott unconscious on the ring floor and brought the doctor and cornermen rushing forward with concern. The explosive right hand was so powerful it sent Scott's mouthpiece flying some 2 or 3 rows back at ringside.

In Johnson's second 10 round fight, which took place at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, for promoter Bill Dickson, at the Hyatt House Hotel, Johnson opposed veteran fighter Terry Lee. Lee has boxed such men as Jorge Ahumada and Yaquie Lopez.

Vonzell Johnson, in the second round of the scheduled 10 rounder with Lee, dropped Lee for a five count. In the 6th round, he dropped him again for a 7 count, after which the referee, watching Lee's obvious difficulty in trying to get up off the canvas, stopped the contest to save Lee from further punishment.

Johnson's absolute authority over Lee points to something that other top professional boxers were not able to do, and surely puts a large feather in the hat of Johnson as being a legitimate and definite contender in the world today.

Once again, in comparison with other fighters that have boxed the same opponents as Johnson, the young warrior has reigned over them all triumphantly, in championship fashion.

Grooms and Johnson are now in Seattle, Washington, where Johnson is stabled and boxing for Global Productions, Ltd. He will be campaigning there in the future. Already the Seattle fans and the news media have begun to recognize the super credentials of this fast and rapidly developing light heavyweight.

Len Hutchins, when speaking to his manager of the fast development of Johnson, compared himself and Johnson to racehorses, stating that he sees himself as "Secretariat," way out in the race, and Vonzell Johnson, his stablemate, as "Honest Pleasure," closing in very fast, with the title at the finish line. Hutchins feels he has almost won the race by being the number one contender in the United States light heavyweight division, but says that he is not at all sure whether he will break the tape by obtaining the world light heavyweight title, before Johnson arrives there.

Whatever happens, time is setting up one gigantic fight between two very skilled fighters from the same management, Vonzell Johnson vs. Len Hutchins. This has not been seen since Muhammad Ali defended his world title against Jimmy Ellis in Houston, Texas, and both were managed by Angelo Dundee.

So for all those boxing fans around the world who want to keep track of an interesting development, keep an eye on this newcomer, the big warrior, Vonzell Johnson.

BACKUS BEATS MELENDEZ

By JIM LEO

Latham, N.Y. — Former worlds welterweight champion Billy Backus, made it four straight in the win column, as he pounded out a unanimous decision over Jose "Papo" Melendez, Hartford, Conn. in a 10-rounder at the Colonie Coliseum at Latham, N.Y. Both Billy and Papo scaled 147, as they put on an interesting bout. Backus, came straight forward as is his style while Papo was content to counterpunch and move. Billy, was gashed early as an old cut opened.

Papo, was also cut at the finish. Backus, hurt his foe in the fifth and ninth rounds but couldn't put the finisher over. Backus, felt disappointed with his performance as his timing was off, while Papo must be given credit for putting up a good bout. The fight was scored 9-1, 7-3, and 7-2-1, Backus.

Backus, is now 42-19-4, and hopeful of getting a crack at the wleterweight crown.

In a wild co-feature 10, classy Bobby Walker, 180, Hartford, Conn. filling in for the injured Hal Carroll, was declared a disqualification winner over rough John Giroski, 175, Farrell, Pa.

Walker was getting the best of his foe with his sharp boxing ability and good reach, when all of a sudden in the seventh, Giroski, manuevered Walker towards the ropes, and twisted him out of the ring.

Walker, furious, picked up a chair, then was coaxed to put it down and reentered the ring.

Referee Vince Rainone motioned for the action to begin when Giroski made a dive for Walkers legs and they tumbled to the canvas wrestling. Referee Rainone promptly disqualified Giroski. Walker, the seventh round winner.

In a scheduled six rounder, John D'Amore, 175, Rome, N.Y., made it three straight when he was declared a first round tko winner over Jesse Wilson, 175, Boston. Wilson, was floored twice, with the second coming at the bell and he was unable to answer the bell for the 2nd.

In a good four rounder, General John Mills, 160, now boxing out of Canastota, was a decision winner over D. C. Walker, 160, New Haven. Mills, formerly held many amateur titles.

In the opening four, debuting Neal Floyd, 140, Albany, took a decision over Seymour Shepard, 140, Hartford, Conn., in a slugfest.

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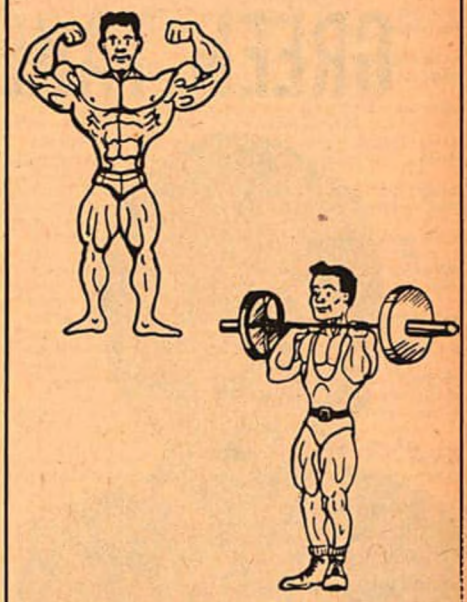

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

GREEN TAKES TITLE FROM SINGLETON

British lightweight champ, Jim Watt, beat Hector Diaz, Dominican Republic, when the referee stopped the fight in the fourth round of their London bout.

LONDON, ENGLAND—Royal Albert Hall — Once upon a time a blacksmith named Eric Boon put the tiny town of Chatteris on the map by winning the British lightweight title, going on to become one of the best champions and hardest punchers in the game. Now Chatteris is on the map again through Dave Green, 136¾, who won the British light-welter crown by beating the title holder Joey Singleton, Kirkby, 136¼, who was retired by his corner at the end of the sixth.

By then Singleton was cut over both eyes, and it seemed obvious that he could not continue. A pity the fight had to end in this manner, but the general feeling was that Green would have won anyway.

There was plenty of atmosphere, and Green especially had a large following, with some of his fans, dressed as country yokels invading the ring before the start and staging an impromptu concert.

Green, too, produced a piece of showmanship, wearing a tigerskin robe with a hood.

It had been a difficult fight to forecast. Many thought that Green, for all his strength and power of punch, would not be able to match the greater experience, especially over longer distances, and the speed of foot and of jab by the champion.

Indeed, Singleton backed quickly around the ring from the first bell, pausing only to throw light jabs. But Green was still able to cut him off at times and land a couple of thumping rights to the jaw.

Singleton did his best to jab and move, but Green seemed to find little difficulty in getting in close and pounding away to the body. Dave only knows one way to fight, coming forward and throwing punches from both hands, but this was enough to bemuse the champion, and Singleton was not having his usual success in jabbing his way to victory.

Joey improved in the third, and there was one period when half a dozen jabs got home on his opponent's face. Scoring punches, certainly, but having little effect on Green, who merely continued to belabur his man with blows from both hands, hooks, swings and uppercuts.

Singleton had, in fact, done well to survive these onslaughts, and it could only have been weariness that prompted him to stand his ground and fight it out, entirely the wrong policy. Green relished this, and after a close-quarter clash Singleton emerged with a cut over the left eye. Shortly afterwards he was cut over the right eye. Green too was cut by the right eye, but it proved to be nothing serious.

The eye injuries looked ominous for Singleton, but he tried hard in the fifth to outpunch his opponent. Alas, he had little chance of succeeding, and Green produced some good left jabs himself to set his man up for following and more hurtful rights.

The champion's injuries were inspected by referee Harry Gibbs at the end of the round, and it is probable that in anything less than a championship bout it would have been stopped there and then. However, Singleton was permitted to continue, but the writing was on the wall.

In the sixth there was a clash of heads for which they were warned, not for the first time, and this round was all Green. He was able to land almost at will, and Singleton, handicapped by his eye injuries, could do little except try and fight back, which he did, and most courageously.

At the end of the round, the referee went to Singleton's corner, and after consultation he went towards Green to lift his hand.

It had been an exciting scrap while it lasted, and Green looks like being an exciting champion.

Singleton did not need stitches in his eye cuts, and now plans to move down to lightweight.

John L. Gardner, Hackney, 204¾, beat American Fred Askew, 207, who was disqualified by referee Mike Jacobs for "not giving of his best," in the sixth of a scheduled ten.

The following day the British Boxing Board of Control decided to impose a fine, to be duducted from his purse. Askew seemed lucky to escape so lightly.

There was just no attempt by the American to do anything more than stand there and go through the motions, defending himself when called upon to do so.

Frustrating for Gardner, who tried hard to establish some sort of superiority, but was unable to do in the face of the holding, smothering tactics of his opponent. Needless to say, Gardner won every round by a street, being the only one in the ring throwing punches.

Askew's most aggressive period was when he realized he had been ruled out. He then threw a right at the referee, which Mike ducked, and tried to have another go at the official after getting back to his corner.

Would that he had used up some of his energy on Gardner, who remains undefeated.

British light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope beat Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, the bout being stopped in the fourth with Hope well on top, although McHugh had paid only one brief visit to the canvas in the opening session.

This was a non-title fight, both being inside the stipulated 163.

McHugh was cut on the nose and his left eye was swollen. Yet he kept out of trouble for a couple of rounds, when Hope turned on the pressure to put McHugh in difficulties with accurate southpaw rights and left hooks that hurt.

An excellent contest over eight saw Mark Bliss, Tottenham, 125, draw with Les Pickett, Merthyr, 125, a result that did not please everyone, especially the Pickett fans. Nobbins were tossed in from appreciative fans and it was a fight to be remembered.

Both sustained facial injuries, Bliss cut over the right eye, Pickett from the mouth and nose, but the pace never slackened. It was not only an entertaining contest, but one which was intelligently fought by both men.

They picked their punches well, with Bliss mostly forcing the pace and Pickett countering to good effect. The latter finished

strongly, and was disappointed not to get the verdict, but all-in-all it was so close that any of the three possible verdicts would have caused disagreement.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 154, kayoed Jim Moore, Bradford, 152, in five. Moore just failed to beat the count. Moore had been decked twice previously.

Harry Watson, St. Ives, 146¾, outpointed Johnny Pincham, Crawley, 148¾, over six twos by 60-59½. It was the latter's first defeat, and another close one. Probably southpaw Watson's stronger finish clinched it.

▲Wolverhampton Civic Hall — Neville Meade, Swansea, 221, beat Garfield McEwan, Birmingham, 188¼, the referee intervening in the ninth of a scheduled ten.

Meade was cut on the left eyebrow in the third. There was also a swelling on McEwan's left eye, and the eye had completely closed by the ninth.

McEwan's best work was in the middle rounds, when Meade's cut seemed to be bothering him, but Neville improved as his injury yielded to treatment and he began to take over in the eighth with McEwan looking shaken.

The ninth was a formality. McEwan went down from a right to the jaw. He rose at two, went down again for nine, and was not hitting back, prompting the referee to intervene.

Tommy Glencross, former British featherweight champion, 130, outscored Alun Trembath, Tony refail, 126, by 80-76 over eight, Glencross winning every round. Southpaw Glencross was too skillful for a game opponent.

George McGurk, Jarrow, 137, outscored Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 133½, over eight by 79-77. Belnavis was decked for nine in the final round.

Peter Mullins, Wolverhampton, 162, kayoed John Breen, Belfast, 161, in the eighth and final round after the previous exchanges had been even.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 159, won every round in outpointing Liam White, Wells, 155, over six twos by 60-57. It was the 18-year-old Sibson's third win in a row and he shows a lot of potential.

Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 136, beat Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 136, over eight by 79½-78. Evans was cut by the left eye and his right hand was injured in the opening session. Collins did what he had to do impressively.

Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 207, outpointed Artist Gibson, 198, Croydon, over six twos by 60-57½. O'Connor jabbed too accurately and punched too hard against a plucky opponent who was cut by the right eye.

▲World Sporting Club, London — Tim Wood, Leicester, 171¾, won the vacant British light-heavyweight title by outpointing Phil Martin, Manchester, over 173, over 15 rounds. The scoreline of 147-146 reveals how close it was, and quite a few thought Martin deserved the verdict.

It was the second stroke of good fortune that Wood enjoyed. He had only gotten the fight when original choice Roy John had to withdraw because of eye trouble.

Wood certainly made the most of his opportunity, and certainly finished the stronger of the two. The only question was whether he had done sufficiently well to make up the leeway, for Martin had established a lead.

It wasn't a particularly entertaining contest, especially in the early rounds, and perhaps somebody up there was conveying a message to the boxers when one of the ring lights went out in the opening session, another kept going off and on again, giving up the ghost altogether in the sixth.

Martin came out fighting at the opening bell and, immediately shook his man with a left to the chin, then a right caused Wood's nose to bleed, and already there was mark by the latter's left eye.

Boxing cooly in his 13th pro bout, Martin jabbed well and in the second Wood was cut over the left eye. Although Tim fought back strongly in the third, Martin kept beating his man to the punch, and in the sixth Wood was cut over the right eye.

At this point Martin looked to be in command, but had not boxed more than ten rounds before, so a lot depended on how he paced the next nine rounds.

Wood came more and more into the fight without really establishing any superiority, and it was not until the eleventh that for the first time Martin slowed up, and was getting caught much more.

Wood sensed this, and started throwing more right hands, with some success. Martin had to resort to holding on, and in the eighth was being troubled by an injured left eye, which worsened in the twelfth.

Wood's eye injuries were inspected by the referee at the end of the sixth, but were yielding to treatment, and he pounded away during the last couple of rounds, with Martin getting slower and slower and taking more punishment.

In the final session Wood tried hard to stop his man, one left hook in particular causing Martin's legs to wobble, but the latter survived, and did his best to keep his opponent at bay.

At the final bell referee James Brimmell waited until both men had returned to their corners, then walked across to lift Wood's arm, where upon Martin went down on one knee in sheer disappointment.

In view of the controversy the Board of Control could order a rematch is there is no other logical challenger, or of course Wood could make a voluntary defence.

Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 160½, outpointed Mike Manley, Pontypool, 160¼, over eight by 80-77½. Manley was decked twice but came back strongly each time.

Wally Angliss, Harrow, 124½, outscored Dave Connell, Manchester, 124, by the narrow margin of 79½-79. Both were marked, Anglis a swelling by the right eye, and Connell's nose gory.

Gareth Jones, Merthyr, 164, beat Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 163, the referee intervening in the fifth after Paddock had taken a couple of hard punches to the chin.

John Depledge, Leeds, 206, outpointed Terry Jones, Bow, 190, by 60-58½ over six twos. Depledge was cut over the right eye, and it was a hectic affair that caused the referee to censure them both on several occasions.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Achille Mitchell, Coventry, 150, drew with Paul Davis, Stepney, 146¼, over eight. A good fight to watch, and rewarded with nobbins. In their previous bout Mitchell won on points.

Mitchell was decked in the second from a right hook, and again when caught off-balance in the third. Davis did his best to keep up a non-stop attack throughout, but had to contend with his opponent's accurate counterpunching.

The climax was a toe-to-toe final round, with the fans on their feet applauding and shouting encouragement. Great stuff.

Alex Tomkins, Bow, 165, beat Leroy Herriott, Tredegar, 165, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fifth with a cut over the right eye. Herriott was not happy about this decision by his mentors.

Mick Minter, Crawley, 150¾, outpointed Dave Hamm, Basildon, 149, over six by 59½-58½. A cracking fight that earned them nobbins, with Minter finishing strongly.

Gareth Jones, Merthyr, 163, easily outscored Clive Davidson, Peckham, 161, by 60-57 over six, not losing a round. Davidson was twice floored.

Danny Connolly, Stephey, 126½, gained a six-rounds points win over Roger Doyle, Bedford, 129½, by 60-59. A bit of a maul, with Connolly showing a superior work-rate.

Mick Hampston, Lewisham, 147, reversed a previous verdict by outscoring Derek Gardner, Croydon, 150¾, by 59½-59 over six. A close one, with Gardner not prepared to concede an inch, but Hampston deserved his victory.

▲Kimbell's Ballroom, Southsea — Wayne Evans, Waterlooville, 118½, kept his unbeaten record by knocking out Jules Piga, Italy, 118¼, in five.

Piga was down for eight from a two-fisted attack, and when he rose, Evans floored him again. He fell awkwardly, spraining his right wrist, and took the full count.

In the early stages Piga looked a useful boxer, but when Evans turned on the pressure the writing was on the wall.

George Sutton, Cardiff, 122, outpointed Dave Connell, Manchester, 123, by 79-78½ over eight twos, and kept his unbeaten record.

Sutton attacked from the start and kept going, but Connell counterpunched neatly, and there wasn't a lot between them at any stage.

Winston Cousins, Manchester, 170, outscored Ginger McIntyre, Cardiff, 172, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Debutant Peter Beauvoisin, Waterlooville, 141, outpointed Cleveland Irwin, Manchester 139, over four twos by 40-39½. Here again there was little between the two.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 160, gained a points victory over Peter Whittle, Waterlooville, 163, by 40-38½, also over four twos. Whittle was floored by a left hook to the chin right on the final bell.

▲Albany Hotel, Birmingham — Steve Foley, Bedford, 175½, beat Midlands Area light-heavyweight champion Steve Walker, Birmingham, 174, who was retired by his corner at the end of the second round.

Walker was on the receiving end right from the start, but stayed on his feet in the opening round. Then in the second he was deposited over the bottom rope and the referee had to pull him back into the ring.

He took a count of three, and Foley punched away merrily without much retaliation until the end of the round, when his mentors decided that Walker should retire.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 152¾, beat Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 150¼, the referee intervening when Joyce had been down and was injured around both eyes. Their previous bout was drawn.

Southpaw Joyce revealed some good jabbing and clever ringcraft, but this was not sufficient to halt the aggressive Commosioung.

Debutant Paul Schutt, Leeds, 156¾, impressed in outpointing Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 158, over six by 59-58½. The fans enjoyed the bout and tossed in nobbins.

Johnny Hamm, Basildon, 144, also had a close one over Chester Coburn, Sheffield, 142, by 59-58½ over six.

▲National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham — Puerto Rican Radames Cabrera, 151, cast a spanner in the works by beating former British light-middleweight champion Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 157, the bout being stopped in the seventh after Paul had been decked three times.

Cabrera was substituting for Monty Betham of New Zealand, who was due to defend his Commonwealth middleweight title against Paul. Betham withdrew with an injured hand.

Now it must be considered doubtful if promoter Dave Roden will want to hold Betham to his contract, and it represents quite a set-back for Paul.

Paul was cut by the right eye in the first round, and although it was never bad enough to cause a stoppage it bothered him.

Nevertheless Paul did well enough early on, jabbing neatly, and Cabrera, who was inclined to slap, was warned for misuse of the head. Paul's cut kept reopening, but he kept going, bringing his right hand into action more, and all seemed well up to the end of the sixth.

Then it happened. A left hook apparently not damaging, put Paul down, he rose at once, but Cabrera had seen the green light and pressured him. A right hook decked him again, and this time he took an eight count.

Cabrera moved in quickly, and Paul went down for the third time. He rose fairly quickly, glanced at the referee, then went to his corner.

Official verdict was that the fight had been stopped.

Disappointing for Paul, who was going along quietly until succumbing to the first real punch of the fight, and never able to recover.

Cabrera looked capable, but often hit with the inside of the glove, and looked a bit surprised at his own success when Paul kept going down.

Wayne Bennett, Tredegar, 149, beat substitute Tiger Quaye, Ghana, 150, the referee intervening at the end of the second with Quaye cut over the right eye.

Bennett had far too much class for his wild-swinging southpaw opponent, and apart from his eye injury had only his courage to keep him going.

Doug Ralston, Leicester, 164, stopped Errol Lotriet, Southampton, 163, in the second. Lotruet had been decked for eight.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 157½, kept up a fast pace to outpoint John Breen, Belfast, 160, by 60-57½ over six. Ralston was weakening fast when the final bell came. A good performance by Sibson.

Billy Waith, Cardiff, 146, outpointed the previously-unbeaten Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, over eight by 79-78. Morris was twice decked in the opening round, but came back strongly and not everyone agreed with the verdict.

Waith is one of the cleverest boxers in the country, and this time he was able to produce extra power in his punching.

This was a cat-and-mouse contest, Waith especially rarely throwing a punch unless he was pretty sure it was going to

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Richard Dunn (E)
1. Bunny Johnson (J)
2. Billy Aird (E)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Mani Vaka (T)
5. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
6. John L. Gardner (E)
7. Maile Naimona (Sam.)
8. Denton Ruddock (J)
9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Danny McAlinden (I)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Tim Wood (E)
3. Victor Attivor (G)
4. Phil Martin (E)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Al Gattling (A)
10. Phil Matthews (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Carlos Marks (Tr)
5. Dave Downey (C)
6. Gary Broughton (C)
7. Bill Knight (St Kitts)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Carl Speare (E)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Matt Donovan (Tr)
4. Shane Patrick (A)
5. Rocky Patterson (A)
6. Wally Carr (A)
7. Damiano Pellegrini (C)
8. Tony Poole (E)
9. Joe Keresi (Suva)
10. Jimmy Batten (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. John Stracey (E)
2. Fernand Marcotte (C)
3. Eddie Blay (G)
4. Bunny Grant (J)
5. Pat Thomas (SK)
6. Lawrence Hafey (C)
7. Trevor Francis (J)
8. Henry Rhiney (J)
9. Steve Dennis (A)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Dave Green (E)
4. Joey Singleton (E)
5. Johnny Summerhays (C)
6. Des Morrison (J)
7. Saoul Mamby (J)
8. Ross Eadie (A)
9. Terry Petersen (E)
10. Hugh Smith (E)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Andy Broome (A)
3. Matt Ropis (A)
4. Charlie Nash (I)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
6. Tommy Glencross (S)
7. Lionel Rose (A)
8. Colin Powers (E)
9. Len Blackmore (Guyana)
10. Tommy Dunn (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. David Needham (E)
7. Tony Ryder (A)
8. George Turpin (E)
9. Jimmy Brown (A)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Paddy Graham (I)
5. Brian Clout (A)
6. Les Pickett (W)
7. Guinea Hillier (A)
8. Wayne Evans (E)
9. Jim Slatter (A)
10. Clive Hogben (E)

FLYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
2. Gwynne Jones (A)
3. John McCluskey (S)

Billy Moeller (A) won the vacant Junior lightweight title, and has been asked to defend it against Mama Clay (N).

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

George Foreman stopped Joe Frazier, 5, U.S. heavyweight title.
Howard Smith outpointed Johnny boudreaux, 10.
Young Sanford Houpe stopped Jose Roman, 10.
Lou Rogan beat Wylvester Wilder, 6.
Christy Costanza stopped Solomon Powers, 1.
Lou Esa halted Angelo Garafolo, 2.
Christian Poncelet outpointed Miguel Angel Paez, 10.
Jose Urtain beat Benito Esriche, 8.
William Anderson kayoed Verbie Garland, 5.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jessie Burnett beat Willie Taylor, 10.
Matt Franklin beat Mate Parlov, 10.
Burt Hayes decisioned Ted Paxton, 8.
Cliff Wills outpointed Joey Blair, 6.
Mike Rossman kayoed Jose Anglada, 9, lost to Tony Licata, 10.
Kevin Smith Stopped Antonio H arris, 2.
Christy Elliott kayoed Dennis Cochrane, 6.
Guinea Roger halted Randy Barrett, 5.
John Frankham beat Danny Fonttilio, 10.
Lionel Ford stopped Levan Martin, 3.
Matt Ross outpointed Mike Benoit, 4.
Mike Quarry beat Chuck Warfield, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Frank Wissenbach beat Vito Antuofermo, 8.
Tony Licata decisioned Mike Rossman, 10.
Mike Colbert defeated Vicente Medina, 10.
Ray Seales kayoed Rico Hoye, 4.
Mario Rosa stopped Ramon Beros, 2.
Marvin Hagler halted Black Jack Bob Smith, 5.
Billy Duquette drew with D.C. Walker, 6.
Joe Houston outpointed Roland Cousins, 6.
David Love beat Tap Tap Makhathini, 10.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Eckhard Dagge halted Elisha Obed, 10, W.B.C. junior middleweight title.
Keith Averett defeated D.C. Walker, 10.
Radamas Cabrera halted Larry Paul, 7.
Everaldo Azevedo beat Musaphata Kabangu, 8.
Rocky Mattioli stopped Chuchu Garcia, 6.
Victor Perez halted George Madison, 3.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Fausto Rodriguez beat Johnny Gant, 10.
Pat Maloney outpointed Lloyd Blake, 6.
Micaiah Bullock decisioned Maximo Pierret, 4.
Peter Dovell beat Bobby Franklin, 4.
Fred Harris outpointed Demetrio Tovar, 10.
Emmett Atlas kayoed Johnny Guerrero, 5.
Juan Colon beat Joe DeFayette, 6, Roland Cousins, 6.
Andy Price outpointed Pipino Cuevas, 10.
Pete Ranzany kayoed Alfonso Hayman, 9.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes kayoed Javier Ayala, 1.
Saoul Mamby beat Nani Marrero, 10.
Jimmy Heair kayoed by Jose Soberaives, 7.
Pedro Fernandez beat Carlos Foldes, 10.
Carlos Gonzalez outpointed Jose Resto, 6.
Johnny Turner halted Juan Rosado, 6.
George Fakaris drew with Rufus Miller, 6.
Joe DeFayette stopped Roland Sigman, 2.
Jimmy Corkum kayoed Willie Davis, 1.
Monroe Brooks beat Agustin Estrada, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Vicente Saldivar beat Vilomar Fernandez, 10.
Javier Ayala kayoed by Antonio Cervantes, 1.
Elio Cotena stopped Nevio Carbi, 12, E.B.U. lightweight title.
Tommy Glen cross beat Billy Belnavis, 8.
Jim Watt halted Hector Diaz, 4.
Fernand Roelands stopped Angelo Fanciulli, 8.
Giovanni Girgenti beat Carlo Frassinetti, 8.
Frank Santore outpointed Yves Charloten, 4.
Ricardo Garcia stopped Teruyoshi Noji, 4.
Frank Baltazar kayoed Antonio Meza, 1.
Rudy Hernandez beat Javier Muniz, 10.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ray Lunny beat Rogelio Castaneda, 10.
Tommy Rose kayoed Pablo Melendez, 7, beat Bob Castanada, 10.
Phil Howard beat Allen Saenz, 6.
Roland Cazeaux drew Ramon Mirichal, 15, E.B.U. junior lightweight title.
Tyrone Everett beat Felix Figueroa, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Alexis Arguello stopped Salvatore Torres, 3, Retained World Featherweight Title.
Vernon Solis halted Bingo Cooks, 8.
Gerardo Aceves kayoed Rodolfo Moreno, 3.
Manuel Castellano beat Enrique Mejia, 4.
Rubin Olivares kayoed Pajet Lupikanate, 1.
Alfredo Pitalua halted David Sotelo, 6.
Rudy Ramirez beat David Haros, 5.
Roger Cirile kayoed Jose Rodriguez, 1.
Artemio Jeronimo halted Fidel Fraijo, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Paddy Maguire kayoed Charlie Parvin, 1.
Mikd Ayala halted Chamce Cuinca, 2.
Franco Zurlo stopped Lucio Vailati, 2.
James Martinez defeated Mel Johnson, 10.
Raul Tirado stopped Juan Zamora, 10.
Frank Duarte kayoed Erning Grafe, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Franco Udella stopped Franco Sperati, 8, E.B.U. flyweight title.
Alfonso Gonzalez beat Paz Mena, 4.

GOINS OUT IN S. AFRICA

By ED CLARK

PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA — Tsietsie Moretloane fought a fierce fight against Vuyisile Ntunzi who was determined to win, but Moretloane, pacing himself better, ran out an 8 rounds points winner in their junior lightweight clash at the Zwide Stadium at Kwazakhele. Moretloane opened up with a burst of punching but the rugged Ntunzi fought back and continued to match his man though bleeding from the mouth in the second. It was a hard battle, with the wiser Moretloane coasting through the fifth and sixth then coming in piling on the pressure in the last two stanzas to clinch the verdict.

Mzukisi Skweyiya retained his Cape bantam title against Israel Khonkobe with Khonkobe being T.K.O.'d in the seventh. Skweyiya boxed beautifully and although Khonkobe fought back he was in difficulties when the towel was thrown in.

Phalo Tshume upset Jack Jim, 8, welters.

▲EAST LONDON. Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji S. African junior lightweight champion who fights exclusively in East London, pleased 10,000 fans as he outclassed and finally T.K.O.'d Norman Goins from U.S.A. in the ninth round at Mdantsane Stadium. Goins received a telling right and went to the canvas. As he rose he was in great pain and a doctor was called and ruled him unfit to continue as he had suffered a sprained shoulder.

"Happy Boy" had control of the fight all the way even though the more experienced visitor had a tight defense.

The S. African was too speedy for Goins and landed blows at will and the fight became one-sided.

Moses Mashigo K.O.'d Themba Hlabisa, 1, junior lightweights; Lennox Mtongwe T.K.O.'d Charles Makhasi, 2, feathers; Boy April T.K.O.'d Jacob Morake, 6, feathers; Guy Ratazayo decisioned Derek Phetoe, 6, feathers; Mxolisi Mgidi outpointed Temba Tshabalala, 6, welters; Rubin Makewu decisioned Albert Makinita, 4, flyweights.

▲DURBAN. 8,000 fans at the West Ridge Tennis Stadium saw Kosie Smith given a home-town decision against Canadian Gary Summerhays at the end of the 10 rounds in the light-heavyweight division. The "gift" was a draw, but Summerhays was unlucky in not being declared the winner. Smith with the big punch to score a quick win and the Canadian counter punching with his combinations.

Smith, a renowned hitter, saw his best shots mean nothing to the tough Summerhays, and when Summerhays looked to be tiring he hotted up the pace and in the seventh had Smith going with three rights to the head.

A bad cut over Smith's left eye was opened in this round and in the next Smith took a hammering.

The Canadian was guilty of holding during the fight and was warned frequently, but it was Smith who was bleeding.

In the final round Smith threw caution to the winds, but the clever Canadian nullified Smith's attempts to end the fight.

▲JOHANNESBURG. At the Jabulani Ampitheatre Norman "Panga Man" Sekgapane K.O.'d Wally van der Haar in the third round in a junior welterweight bout. James Mathatho the light-heavyweight and heavyweight title holder K.O.'d the Rhodesian dual title holder in the fourth round. Morris Mohloai, welter champion decisioned Langton Tinago of Rhodesia over eight rounds.

Thomas Sithebe iced Cranos Mutumwa, 1, junior lightweights; Joe Gumede outscored Joseph Tsotetsi, 8, featherweights.

▲DURBAN. Peter Mathebula won the S. African flyweight title by knocking out Joe Ngidi the holder at Curries Fountain Stadium. Mathebula outboxed Ngidi and the right cross that ended the bout was a beauty. Joe the harder hitter found himself hitting air as Mathebula boxed rings around him. In the sixth Ngidi was saved by the bell, but rallied and was a tired fighter at the end of the ninth.

Fraser Memela was disqualified by referee Mazzoni in the third for hitting Pius Dladla after the bell had sounded as Dladla was lying on his back. Dladla after being declared the winner in this heavyweight bout got up and jumped for joy.

Morris Mohloai, welter title holder, decisioned Natal champion Phillip Hlophe on points over 8 rounds.

Jackie Coleberg decisioned Stezi Buthelezi, 6, junior lightweights; John Fraser Mkhize outpointed Robert Makhoba, 6, bantams; Dan Veeran outscored Ephraim Mnguni, 4, bantams.

▲JOHANNESBURG. After a lengthy absence from the ring Arnold Taylor outpointed Dave Needham of England over 10 rounds in the featherweight division at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium before a poor crowd of 4,000. Taylor was due to meet Alexis Arguello for the latters world title but Arguello cried off with an injury and just as well as Taylor showed rustiness after his long lay-off.

Taylor won convincingly but the Britisher made Taylor miss badly in the early part of the fight and in the fifth Needham connected with a left that had Taylor in trouble. Taylor went body hunting in the seventh and as he got in with hooks to the mid section the steam began to go from Needham and in the last two rounds the crowd were edging Taylor on to stop his man who was on rubbery legs. Needham however was there at the end after a great display of courage.

Gert Steyn, S. African welterweight champion could not put Rene Emmerich, who hails from West Germany, away but was content to pile up points over the eight rounds to emerge a clear winner. Steyn let his man off many times after having him in trouble but was content to play the role of the better boxer.

Gert Craemer gained revenge in K.O.ing Harold Volbrecht in 4, welters; Johan de Beer T.K.O.'d Gerhardus Griffin, 2, middle-weights; Smiley Giesing K.O.'d Sias Bosch, 1, middle-weights.

▲BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA — 6,000 fans gathered at the Central Arena, Showgrounds to see the new heavyweight unbeaten sensation Kallie Knoetze. Knoetze won handily, stopping mediocre opposition in Amedeo Laureti, of Italy, in the third round. The Italian was completely outclassed and had no answer to the stream of lefts and right crosses to his face. In the first, he only kept on the defensive. In the second Laureti also used a left and right, but the blows were ineffective. Knoetze continued to pour on leather. In the third the Italian with his face covered in blood and taking blows was halted without reply when the referee stepped in to halt the one-sided contest.

Harold Volbrecht decisioned Ronnie du Preez, welters, 6; Fred Berry iced Dave Koen, 1, middleweights; Manuel de Paiva KO'd Corrie Cornelissen, 4, featherweights; Johan de Beer decisioned Willie Marais, 4, middleweights; Theunis Pretorious outpointed Piet Rautenbach, light-heavyweights.

▲JOHANNESBURG. Norman "Panga-man" Sekgapane, junior welterweight title holder and Morris Mohloai, welter kingpin held on to their titles at the Jabulani Ampitheatre. Sekgapane defeated Jack Jim over 12 rounds in a one sides clash and Mohloai also won over the 12 rounds against Griffiths Mgijima.

Sekgapane kept up a relentless attack, and even though Jim was warned several times for holding he came back to last the distance. As early as the first round Sekgapane began to hammer Jim and by the eighth was so far ahead that the fans were shouting for the referee to halt the fight.

Mgijima from the Cape seemed affected by the altitude, and being a veteran was also a handicap, but he offered stern opposition. Mohloai, whose timing was off, caught Mgijima with blows to the head and body in the sixth and that was the only knockdown of the fight.

Thomas Sithebe outboxed Ben Lekalake to win clearly over 8 rounds in the junior-lightweight division. In the third a powerful right from Sithebe sent Lekalake out of the ring.

Alfred Sibisi TKO'd Reginald Menong, 3, lightweights; Charles Makasi decisioned Kosie Slaffa, 4, featherweights.

▲JOHANNESBURG. Results of the two supporting bouts to the Galindez-Kates clash at the Rand Stadium.

Mike Schutte, the S. African heavyweight champion dropped Rudi Lubbers for five counts and then KO'd the Hollander in the third round.

Lubbers took the count in his own corner on his feet. Schutte came out in the first attacking his man and the Hollander went on the retreat then a tremendous left hook had Lubbers on the canvas. He was caught in the solar plexis and was in pain. Shortly after another left dropped Lubbers and the bell came to his rescue. Lubbers had recovered somewhat in the second but another left hook to the body dropped him and Lubbers managed to rise then another left hook to the body and again the bell came to Lubber's rescue.

In the third Lubbers was again on the canvas. On rising, a series of lefts and rights ended the one-sided fight.

Pierre Fourie displayed much of his old form in clearly outboxing Avenamar Peralta, of the Argentine, over 10 rounds. Fourie won at least nine of the rounds with the seventh being even. Peralta was made to look an ordinary fighter as Fourie non-plussed him by changing from orthodox to southpaw and carrying the fight to Peralta. Peralta employed a bad habit of leaning back on the ropes and Fourie climbed into him with lefts and rights giving him no respite.

Peralta was made to miss badly, but continued to show aggression and make a fight of it. The fight was also marred by the referee having to break the boxers. In fact, he called "break" seven times. Fourie was warned for hitting behind the head, and Peralta warned for holding. Peralta stormed into the attack in the last round to turn the tide, but Fourie, on the retreat in this light-heavyweight clash, held his own to emerge the winner.

▲JOHANNESBURG. David Love, from the U.S.A., tossed a spanner in the world title aspirations of Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini by soundly thrashing the S. African over 10 rounds at the Jabulani Ampitheatre.

"Tap Tap" proved just that he could take punishment as unranked Love gained a clear win before a large crowd. In the last two rounds Love turned the pressure on, but Makhathini managed to survive. Love controlled the fight from the start, but there were no knockdowns. "Tap Tap" was glad to hear the gong to end rounds nine and ten. Love's defense was nigh perfect and Makhathini, well out of his class, could not find the openings that he needed.

Sharp rights to the head of Love in the last round almost spelled the end for the S. African.

Norman "Panga-man" Sekgapane outscored Ben Lekalake over 10 rounds in the junior welter division. It was an action packed fight and both boxers sustained cuts above the eyes.

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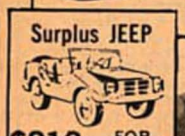

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JR. WELTER CHAMP BENITEZ WINS ONE-SIDED VERDICT OVER VILLA

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Puerto Rico of what faith in God can accomplish."

Who, when, and where will Benitez fight now? Manager-father Gregory Benitez says the next opponent will be Tony Petronelli, either in San Juan or New York.

"Not so!" says Ramiro Machado, manager of Antonio Cervantes. "Benitez must defend against Cervantes before July 31 or lose his title."

This was apparently accorded when Benitez was given the title opportunity against Cervantes last March 6.

"It will take $200,000 for Benitez to get out of this arrangement with us which included an accord to meet Emiliano Villa," vowed Machado.

Options for two or three additional fights seem to be a way of life if you want to get a title match nowadays.

There is a new division called "super bantam" and local feather Santos Rivera wants a chance at it. Well, he failed in his attempt when he lost on an 8 round knockout against number four WBA super bantam Juan Murillo Medel.

Medel surprised all by dumping Santos in the first. Santos fought back to make it close, but was suddenly stopped in the eighth.

Highly ranked flyweight Juan Guzman came back from an early round knockdown to score a sixth round kayo over Amancito Vargas, of the Philippines. A hard right to the jaw caused Vargas to do an about-face and head for his corner. Referee Quinones Falu started a standing count but then called a halt when Vargas appeared unable to continue.

Dominican welter Dario Hidalgo, looking a bit overweight and slow on reflexes, was able to score a five round TKO victory over the less experienced Osvaldo Rey Cora.

"MAD DOG" ROSS OVERWHELMS DAVIS

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

ORLANDO — Southern junior middleweight champion Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross continues to mow 'em down.

The popular slugger, a throwback to Rocky Graziano, unleashed a vicious body attack, coupled with some brutal infighting, that caused durable Eddie Davis, 154, Tampa, to retire in his corner after the fourth round.

Ross, 152, won his 14th straight bout, and made his fifth Southern title defense. It was Mad Dog's ninth straight knockout in 1976 alone!

Under new trainer Dominick Polo, who was hired a week before by Pete Ashlock, Ross is a dramatically improved fighter already. The one-time Alabama redneck tough guy is becoming a polished, savage fighting machine. Exciting, he always was, but crowdpleasers traditionally have short-lived careers. Mad Dog Ross thrives on tough fights and frequent activity, with 18 bouts last year and he's ahead of that pace for '76. If he continues to improve, expect Ross to challenge for the world title next year. The Davis win left him at 32-1-1, 24 KOs, and established his credibility in Orlando against an opponent who took contenders Irish Gene Wells and Vinnie Curto all the way to split decisions.

Davis, also an improving boxer under the tutelage of Clyde Fussell, had to cease fighting due to a series of ugly cuts, but the 1,800 fans at Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium sensed that the surprising Ross would have stopped him anyway in the next couple rounds. Still, Eddie is always welcome here, because he comes to fight.

In a shocking upset, unknown but undefeated George Madison, 157, Indianapolis, scored three knockdowns and took out Orlando's Mr. Excitement, Joey Vincent, 150, in the opening round. The right hand-crazy Madison never stopped firing, and Vincent was caught cold and took a terrific battering until referee George Blake halted the massacre. Vincent had always aroused the emotions of local fans, most of whom I loved to hate him, but there has never been any question that he could also fight some. The fans loved what Madison did to Joey, but even in defeat Vincent proved to be sensational as always.

In addition to Madison, two other Hoosier fighters were impressive winners.

Manager Fred Berns of Indianapolis brought in Slammin' Sammy NeSmith and Gary (Ice Man) Guiden, along with Madison, to whack out Southern opposition. The lusty display of slugging endeared Berns' imports to Orlando patrons.

NeSmith, 158, Indy, administered a beating to courageous Charles Cook, 157, Dallas, for a third-round TKO. Cook was called off his job in Texas and flown in on the day of the fight as a sub for Georgia's Babe Clark, but put up a very game effort in a losing cause.

Guiden, 154, Muncie, took apart Leon Futch, 160, Brunswick, Ga., in two rounds. NeSmith is now 14-1, 12 KOs, while Guiden has the same record exactly.

In the four-round opener, local "Golden Boy," Lyman High School senior Scott Clark turned pro with a decision over Tiger Hall, 154, Sarasota. Clark weighed 150 for his initial paid performance, and looked nervous yet very impressive in spurts.

Some 10 amateur bouts, including Regional Junior Olympic championship matches, opened the card early at 6:30.

▲**NEW ORLEANS** — Orlando's Irish Gene Wells, a world-ranked junior middleweight, again strayed from his class and was stopped on cuts by middleweight contender Tony Licata in the seventh round. Wells still has a fine 47-8-4 record, but lost for the second time in eight 1976 outings to a heavier man (previously, he lost a controversial Madison Square Garden match to light heavy Mike Rossman).

Pete Ashlock's prelim boys gave the cowboy good news and bad. Bruce Cantrell, junior middle slugger recently signed to Pete's Orlando Stable, stole the show with a six-round decision over Ali Akbar (formerly Charles Buckner) in the walkout. But Frankie Santore, an outstanding lightweight hope from Melbourne, Florida, was stopped in the first round by Scotty Foreman, a badly cut lip forcing medical intervention. Santore had won eight straight, with an overall 8-2-1 record now. Back to the drawing boards for this tough youngster.

▲**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — Pete Ashlock and Paul Chavez, veteran Duke City promoter, had their third card of the year at Civic Auditorium here. Light heavyweight contender Mike Quarry returned to action after a 7½-month layoff and eked out a 10-round split decision win over upcoming Nathaniel Gates, 179, Sarasota, Florida. It was apparent from the outset that Mike's timing was off, and he was unable to shake the rust down the stretch.

Quarry is now 54-7-3, based again in los Angeles while still managed by Orlando's Ashlock. Gates, who went the full 10 rounds for the first time ever, was nursed through the fight by ace cornerman Dominick Polo, who shortly thereafter was hired by Ashlock to train his Orlando stable, including Irish Gene Wells, Mad Dog Ross, Termite Watkins, Jodie Ballard, Taco Perez, Savage Turner, Scott Clark, Bruce Cantrell, Joey Vincent, and several others.

The co-feature saw Mexican middleweight Vicente Medina, Beto Martinez's lanky slugger, destroy Cherokee Charlie Small of Texas in two rounds. Most impressive on the undercard was unbeaten featherweight Ruben Castillo, who blasted out Adrian Luman in two, while Ashlock's latest acquisition, Albuquerque welterweight Jerry Martinez, scored a first-round KO over Baron Hernandez.

▲**ORLANDO** — Pete Ashlock ran two shows the same night, 2000 miles apart. While the Cowboy watched his hometown promotion, he had matchmaker Bruce Trampler in Albuquerque handling that card with Paul (Mighty Mite) Chavez.

Topping the Orlando Sports Stadium card here was junior middleweight contender Irish Gene Wells, 156, who gained revenge on a six-year-old points loss by whipping fireplug Willie Warren, 159, in the 10-round main event. No knockdowns, but Wells was a clear winner in a hotly contested scrap that was exciting down the wire.

The battle left Wells sore for his New Orleans meeting with Tony Licata eight days later, which Gene lost on a cut-eye TKO. But it highlighted a card which was the best ever here, at least until the show two weeks later when Mad Dog Ross stopped Eddie Davis.

Underneath Wells-Warren was a rematch of last year's heavyweight thriller between Jodie Ballard and Leon Shaw of Jacksonville. Ballard outslugged Shaw in their first meeting, a fight many felt was Orlando's most action-packed of 1975. This time, all the action was compressed into less than a round, as Shaw came out swinging and dropped Ballard three times for an automatic KO in the opening session.

Ballard, once a fine prospect, has now lost four of his last five, yet still possesses a nice 23-7 mark. It was a stunning result, to say the least.

Newcomer Bruce Cantrell, 155, formerly of Spartanburg, but now living in Orlando, hooked up with Tampa's Eddie Davis, 156, and they waged war for eight rounds to a well received draw. Just a sensational matchup, as evenly paired as one could ask for.

APOLOGIES

We very much regret that an article published in this magazine in June 1973 under the title, "Australia's Double Champ White Barred by Doctor in Unprecedented Ruling," by Ray Mitchell, may have been interpreted by some of our readers as imputing to Dr. John Bell some impropriety upon his professional competence and integrity as a Medical Practitioner. We can assure our readers that such an imputation certainly was not intended by our writer, who holds Dr. Bell's professional reputation in the highest esteem.

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

JACOPUCCI WINS EURO MIDDLE TITLE

Jessie Burnett, right, won a 10 round decision over Willie Taylor in Copenhagen. Both fighters are Americans.

MILAN, ITALY—This country claimed its sixth European crown when undefeated Angelo Jacopucci dethroned middleweight champion Bunny Sterling of Great Britain over fifteen rounds before a crowd of 6,000.

This was a very close affair with the Briton feeling he had been robbed of the title by a home town decision.

Jacopucci did his usual clowning, but this did not upset Sterling who, as always, took his job seriously.

The fight was nearly called off after the Briton was injured in a car accident when returning from training.

Richard Todd, Johnny Pritchet, Wally Swift and Terry Allen all met their waterloo in Milan.

The Sterling—Jacopucci fight was the 59th European contest to be staged in Milan.

It was the 86th European middleweight fight. The division has seen 38 champions with Italy coming up with seven. Italy has now produced 70 Euro champions at different weights and now holds six of the eleven crowns: light heavyweight Domenico Adinolfi, middleweight Angelo Jacopucci, Jr., middleweight Vito Antuofermo, welterweight Marco Scano, feather Elio Cotena and flyweight Franco Udella.

Italian and British boxers have fought one another for a Euro crown on 48 occasions with the British winning 23, losing 22, drawing 2 with one being declared no contest rain stopping play.

Bunny Sterling won the vacant middleweight title beating German, Frank Reiche in Hamburg last February and this was his first defense.

33-year-old Berlin based Turk Cemal Kamaci retained his European junior welterweight title narrowly outpointing Frenchman Jean Saadli over fifteen rounds at Istanbul, before a crowd of five thousand. Kamaci, who bled from a cut left eye from round two was badly shaken by a right to the head in the last minute or so of the fight. Some thought a draw would have been fairer to the Algerian born Saadli.

Cemal Kamaci first held the junior welterweight title in 1972 until he lost it to Toni Ortiz, Spain, a year later. Kamaci then beat Jose Gomez Fouz, Spain, to regain his crown in 1975, and this was his first defense. Istanbul has now staged three European title fights all featuring Kamaci. The junior welterweight class has had 13 champions and 30 contests since the first in 1964.

At Trieste European featherweight champion, Elio Cotena, Italy, held on to his title, beating fellow Italian, Nevio Carbi, TKO 12. Cotena won the crown beating Gitano Jiminez in 1975, and has since made defenses against Rodolfo Sanchez, Michel Lefebvre and Vernon Sollas.

The town of Munich is back to its normal daily routine again and very relaxed now that Muhammad Ali and his party have left for home. Even those who knew nothing about boxing now know at least a little more. Everyone, in fact, felt the champion's presence and his stay will go down as one of the more pleasant events for the city of Munich.

Light heavyweight Eric Nussbaum, welterweight Max Hebeisen and junior welterweight Walter Blaser, all from Switzerland, have retired.

Jose Duran, Spain, who appeared to be washed up after losing a title bout with Miguel DeOliveira and then being dethroned of his European crown by German Eckhard Dagge, made a wonderful comeback to win the WBA junior middleweight title beating champion Koichi Wajima in the latter's back yard, in Japan. Wajima was kayoed in the fourteenth and spent the night in the hospital.

Nino Benvenuti, ex-world middleweight champion, sparred with Angelo Jacopucci, Italy, who was preparing for his European title fight with Britain's Bunny Sterling. A charge was asked of the public, and the proceeds handed over to an organization looking after the victims of the recent earthquake in northern Italy.

GERMANY

▲Berlin—1,200 saw German middleweight champion Frank Reiche, retain his crown, drawing with Wolfgang Gans over twelve rounds. It was the 80th German middleweight title fight and the 42nd to be staged in Berlin. Other results. Welterweight. Bualem Belouard, Tunis, beat Wilfred Przybilski, Germany, TKO2. Junior middleweight. Mehmet Besli (18) Turkey, outpointed Frank Albertus, Curacao, four. Welterweight. Jorge Eipel, Germany, outscored Jose Rios, Puerto Rico, six. Middleweight. Frank Wissenbach, Germany, decisioned fellow countryman, Peter Tombers, eight. Lightweight. Ethem Ozakalin, Turkey, outpointed German, Lothar Abend, six.

▲Berlin—18-year-old Jorg Eipel, with only nine professional bouts, won the German welterweight title outpointing champion Horst Brinkmeyer, twelve rounds. Middleweight. Rene Zeller kayoed fellow German Hans Wilhelm in round one. Lightweight. Ethem Ozakalin, Turkey, outpointed Wahn Ki Min, Korea, six. Junior welterweight. Frank Albertus, Curacao, beat Italian Giancarlo Piras, KO 1. Middleweight. Turk Mehmet Besli outscored German Alfred Fries, four rounds.

ITALY

▲Santander—Lightweight. Cecilio Lastra beat Pedro Coque, TKO1.

▲Milan—Heavyweight. Lorenzo Lanon outpointed Lucien Rodriquez, eight. Light heavyweight. Ennio Cometti beat Sergio Janilli who retired with a cut eye in the fourth. Junior welterweight. Gaetano Sguzza beat Luigi Mannarino, TKO2. Welterweight. Vincenzo Moruzzi beat Vittorio Tamburini, TKO7.

▲Milan—Light heavyweight. Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, was surprisingly outpointed by an American by the name of Matthew Franklin, ten rounds.

▲Rome—Italian light heavyweight champion, Aldo Traversaro, beat Ghanaian Victor Attivor in nine rounds. Attivor was decked for a count of two in round nine from a right to the jaw. Shortly afterwards the third man stopped the fight.

▲Trieste—Elio Cotena retained his European featherweight title beating fellow Italian Nevio Carbi, TKO12.

FRANCE

▲Paris—Joel Bonnetaz won the French junior middleweight title beating champion Jean Claude Warusfel on points over twelve rounds.

▲Chasse sur Rhone—Albert Amatler held on to his French featherweight crown beating Guy Caudron, TKO9. Flyweight. Nano Zebellini decisioned Tarcisio Boi, eight. Lightweight. Christian Valentin outscored Jacques Mamane, six.

▲St. Malo—Middleweight. Claude Martin decisioned Batman Austin, ten. Welterweight. Yannick Blandin outpointed Jean Dercle, six.

▲Amiens—In a final junior welterweight eliminator Jean Pierre Younsi outpointed Jean Claude Lafarge, ten.

▲Villerupt—Bantamweight. Daniel Trioulaire outscored Teodoro Corallo, ten.

▲Beausoleil—Junior middleweight. Robert Matthieu and Watter Guarnieri drew their eight rounder.

▲Epernay—Michel Chapier outscored Gerhard Breton, ten.

▲Sedan—Light heavyweight. Gerald Bois beat Francis Dupuy, TKO2.

▲Paris—Louis Acaries beat Mauricio Bittarelli, TKO2. Bittarelli was decked twice in round two. Fred Coranson outscored Jean Pierre Moreau, six.

▲Paris—Junior welterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache, France, outscored southpaw Raul Molina, Mexico, over ten rounds. It was one of the Frenchman's hardest battles.

▲Calais—Light heavyweight. Southpaw Yannick Dufour, France, outscored Carl Watson narrowly on points over eight rounds.

HOLLAND

▲Amsterdam—Welterweight. Kevin White beat James Vrij, TKO8. Middleweight. Rudi Koopmans outscored Oscar Angus, eight. Light heavyweight. Jimmy Verstappen beat Kurt Ludecke, TKO4.

▲Rotterdam—Former European champion Fighting Mack, Holland, beat Britain's Kevin White in six rounds. White's lip was cut by Mack's head in round two. Middleweight. Rudi Koopmans, Holland, beat Jan Magdziarz, KO2. Dutch heavyweight champion Henny Thoonen beat Jean Pierre Coopman, Belgium, who was disqualified in round five for throwing a blow to the groin area.

▲Schiedam—Junior middleweight. Adrig Huussen decisioned Guus Bleus, six.

SPAIN

▲Madrid—Heavyweight. Alfredo Evangelista baeat Benito Penna, TKO2. Featherweight. Helenio Ferreira decisioned Isidoro Cabeza, eight. Lightweight. Emilio Barcala and Jose L. Rodriguez drew their eight rounder.

▲Vigo—Featherweight. Francisco Santaengracia beat Gonzalo Perez Zamora, who was disqualified in the third. Juan Barros outpointed Andre Ramos, six.

BELGIUM

▲Ostend—Featherweight. Jean Kiersebilek outscored Jean Pierre Luzolanu, six.
▲Gits—Junior middleweight. Tito Larbe beat Hendrik Seys, TKO3.
▲Ghent—Junior lightweight. Alain Lefol outscored Messaoud Bouchiba, six.
▲Charleroi—Middleweight. Michel Parent outscored Bernard Artone, six.

SWITZERLAND

▲Geneva—Former European flyweight champion Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, outscored Frenchman Nessim Zebilini over ten rounds. Chervet had not been active for nearly six months, but he made easy work of this victory.
▲Basle—Junior welterweight. Pietro Marselli outscored Fernando Gomar, six.
▲Sienne—Welterweight. Maricio Bittarelli decisioned Pascal Real Martin, eight.

AUSTRIA

▲Lienz—Junior middleweight. Josef Pachler, Austria, beat Klaus Peter Tombers, Germany, TKO6.

NORWAY

▲Helsinki—Welterweight. Erkki Meronen beat Tiger Quaye, TKO5.

LUXEMBOURG

▲Esch—Junior middleweight. Clement Tshinza beat Aldo Bentini, TKO 10. Middleweight. Mustapha Kabangu decisioned Jacques Chinon, six.
▲Welterweight. Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, outscored southpaw Mickey Flynn, Britain, ten, rounds.

BURNETT, U.S.A., STOPS MUNDINE IN 6

By RAY MITCHELL

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—What chance Australian and Commonwealth light-heavyweight champion Tony Mundine had of gaining a world title recently was exploded by American Jess Burnett at Brisbane Festival Hall. Burnett. 172, knocked out Mundine with one solid right in the sixth round.

Tony, 174, won only one round—the fourth. Once again two factors were eloquent: Mundine, dynamite when on top, falls apart and loses confidence when his opponent takes the fight to him and is able to withstand the Mundine bombs—and Tony still is no Jake La Motta when it comes to taking a hefty wallop on the jaw.

▲Australian lightweight champion Matt Ropis, 135, successfully defended his title against Big Jim West, 133½, at Marrickville R.S.L. Club. Yes, West is the lad who used to be our flyweight champion. He has grown somewhat! As West's forte is aggressive strength, and Ropis is geared to the same way of fighting, it stood to reason that West, the former flyweight, could not beat Ropis. And that is how it turned out. Ropis won clearly on points over 15 rounds but it was an all-action fight.

Actually, West was lucky to get the title tilt as he had been beaten by Andy Broome only three months earlier, and as Broome has beaten Ropis, Andy had more right to challenge than did Big Jim. Even at that, Barry Michael, who beat Broome a few months ago, had more right than either of them to challenge Ropis.

▲Australian and Commonwealth junior-lightweight champion Billy Moeller finally got his several-times-postponed trip to Nigeria where he successfully defended his Commonwealth diadem by easily outpointing Nigerian Mama Clay over 15 rounds at Lagos. English referee Roland Dakin was third man in the ring. Two Ghanaians wer judges.

▲Australian junior-middleweight champion Shane Patrick, coming in six pounds over the limit, which, for Shane is six pounds of excess flesh, was held to a draw over ten rounds by Australian-based Fijian Joe Keresi, 156, at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, Patrick was not at his best. He will need to be better when he defends against Keresi at the same club shortly. At 154 Patrick should beat Keresi over 15 rounds.

An upset in the eight-round support to Patrick-Keresi-Steve Gossen, 127, a good boxer but not a noted power hitter, knocked out sharp-shooting Wayne Wallace, 124, in the second round. It was Wallace's second KO defeat in 56 fights.

▲Biggest upset of the year took place at Marrickville R.S.L. Club, when Phil Khan, 155, was halted in the second round by John Layton, 157. Khan had won his most recent eight by KO and was considered to be a class above Layton, particularly in the power punching department. For Layton it was only his 10th KO win in 33 fights. If they met a further six times you could back Khan to win each time, but we cannot take credit from Layton.

▲At Blacktown R.S.L. Club—one month after drawing with Shane Patrick, Joe Keresi, 157, boxed an eight-round prelim bout! In this he halted veteran Frank Roberts, 158, in the 7th. Roberts had one eye closed, the other nearly so when his corner withdrew him at the end of the round. Keresi was well ahead on points at the end.

In the main, over 10 rounds, Steve Gossen, 128½, outpointed Keith Ball, 131, in a hard and rough fight. Decision to Gossen was clear but Ball made him earn it.

▲At South Melbourne, Andy Broome, 138, came to light as a puncher when he upended Dally Law, 138, in the fourth round of a ten for the vacant Victoria State junior-welter title. It was Law's second KO defeat in 25 fights.

▲New South Wales State junior-welter champion Ross Eadie, 142, again outpointed southpaw Jeff Malcolm, 139, over ten, this time at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. Not a good fight. Neither seemed to be up to form. Bout was untidy.

For Eadie it was a warm-up for his Australian welterweight title tilt with champion Ali Afakasi of New Zealand. They met at Wellington, N.Z. Afakasi held his crown by KO in round five.

Australian titles—those which are contested between boxers from New Zealand and Australia—are not frequent. Afakasi was favored to beat Eadie, but to stop him was another story. Maybe Ross is slipping. This was only his second KO loss in 58 fights.

▲South African born Blakeney Matthews who has his home in Australia, had an easy points win over Filipino Willie Asuncion at Port Moresby, New Guinea. Referee Dave Kelly scored it 50-38 in favor of Matthews—a runaway win. Matthews scaled 130, Asuncion 128.

▲At Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, Phil "Spider" Davies, 138, had a comfortable points win over Joey Collins, 141, over eight rounds. Davies is called Spider because you'd swear he had eight arms. He is fast, elusive, awkward yet so effective that he is undefeated in his 13 fights to date. Quite a good fight to watch.

▲At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, Joey Collins, 141, drew with Laurie Mack, 144, over eight, and this was a very good fight with fortunes see-sawing in each round and neither gaining much of a lead at any stage in the contest. Action all the way and they deserved the shower of coins which flew into the ring at the end.

▲At North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, Australia's newest prospect Neil Pattel, 149, comfortably outpointed John Layton, 155, over ten rounds.

Pattel is due to meet Steve Dennis for the latter's Australian welterweight title next month. He will be in front of Dennis when the fight ends, whether that be inside the distance or at the end of 15. Pattel is a smart boxer but Dennis is a power puncher so Pattel will be tested.

▲Joe Vella, 171¾, normally one of the roughest fighters in the game, played it strictly by the rules in his 10-rounder with Senitiki Qata, 173¼, at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, and Qata won a very comfortable points decision.

▲Final result of the month comes from Southport, Big Lou Miller, 217, made his professional debut a successful one by knocking out Ted Gray, 196, in the fourth round but the bout did not enthuse boxing buffs. Miller says he is off to U.S.A. to further his career. His progress will be watched with interest.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
* Richard Dunn (GB)
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Alfio Righetti (I)
5. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
6. Benito Penna (I)
7. Bjorn Rudi (N)
8. Alfredo Evangelista (I)
9. Bepi Ros (I)
10. Henny Thoonen (H)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Mate Parlov (Y)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Francisco Fiol (i)
9. Rudi Lubbers (H)
10. Yannick Dufour (F)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
* Bunny Sterling (GB)
1. Jean Mateo (F)
2. Frank Reiche (G)
3. Gratien Tonna (F)
4. Max Cohen (F)
5. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
6. Roberto Benacquista (I)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Trento Fachiocchi (F)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Rudi Kopermans (H)

JUNIOR MIDDLES
* Vito Antuofermo (I)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Jose Duran (S)
3. Franz Csandl (A)
4. Frank Wissenbach (G)
5. Antonio Cassellini (I)
6. Mimoun Mahatar (S)
7. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
8. Jore Bonnetax (F)
9. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
10. Moises Fajardo (S)

WELTERWEIGHTS
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Bruner Arcari (I)
2. Luciano Boracia (I)
3. Domenico DiJorio (I)
4. Guissepe Russi (I)
5. Giovanni Molesini (I)
6. Alain Ruocco (F)
7. Georges Warusfel (F)
8. James Vrij (H)
9. Nicola Sassanelli (I)
10. Jorgen Hansen (D)

JUNIOR WELTERS
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
2. Perico Fernandez (S)
3. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
4. Tony Ortiz (S)
5. Primo Bandini (I)
6. Bruno Freschi (F)
7. Jean Saadli (F)
8. Jean Pierre Younsi (F)
9. Miguel Velasquez (S)
10. Romano Fanali (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
* Fernand Roelands (B)
1. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
2. Giancario Usai (I)
3. Andre Holyk (F)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Vincent Quero (I)
6. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
7. RosarioSanne (I)
8. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Giancario Barabotti (I)

JUNIOR LIGHTS
* Roland Cazeaux (F)
1. Rudi Haeck (B)
2. Natale Vezzoli (I)
3. Guiseppe Mura (I)
4. Franco Diana (I)
5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Ugo Poli (I)
7. Michele Siracusa (I)
8. Georges Cotin (F)
9. Rodolfi Sanchez (S)
10. Luis Aisa (S)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Albert Amatler (F)
2. Nevio Carbi (I)
3. Sergio Emilio (I)
4. Nino Jiminez (S)
5. Manuel Masso (S)
6. Enzo Farinelli (I)
7. Gino Jiminez (S)
8. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
9. Pasqualino Morbidella (I)
10. Jose Bisbal (S)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
* Daniel Trioulaire (F)
1. Fernand Bernandez (S)
2. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
3. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
4. Guy Caudron (F)
5. Luigi Tessarin (I)
6. Jacky Bihin (F)
7. Teodoro Coralli (I)
8. Rodriguez Figueroa (S)
9. Bob Allotey (S)
10. Lucio Vailati (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Christian Martin (F)
6. Daniel Charvet (F)
7. Dominique Cesari (F)
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LOUIS-SCHMELING, YANKEE STADIUM'S TOP ACTION?

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stopped Louis in 12 rounds. This was before the American had dethroned Jimmy Braddock.

In the second Joe-Max fight, for the title, the fans scarcely had settled back for what they expected to be a close combat, when Schmeling was on the deck, knocked out in the first round.

There were only two million dollar gates in the old Stadium and that Schmeling defeat was one of them.

The other million gate came from a fight which did not deserve it, the second Louis-Billy Conn post-war affair.

On June 19, 1946, Conn, who almost had taken the title from Joe in their first encounter, was a soft touch this time, being knocked out in eight rounds.

This fight set the money record for the old stadium, at $1,025,564.

This high for the Stadium turf will be wrecked in the Ali-Norton fight on September 28.

The prize for the second biggest surprise in the old Stadium is difficult to determine. There are quite a few eligible.

Perhaps the winner was the brief but exciting four rounder in which Louis stopped Tony Galento on June 28, 1939.

That Joe would dispose of the Jersey fat man was more or less a certainty. But very few figured that Tony had it in him to send Louis to the canvas, as he did in the second heat.

On June 18, 1941, the Stadium crowd had one of the biggest thrills of heavyweight history when Billy Conn, not quite a heavyweight, went into the twelfth round with Joe with the title in his grasp.

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But Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh, was, and is, an Irishman.

Suddenly Billy was seized with the ambition to become the world champion. He tore into Joe and an aroused Louis tore into Billy and soon Conn was on the canvas, a sad picture of thwarted ambition.

On July 26, 1928, Gene Tunney, twice winner over Jack Dempsey, engaged Tom Heeney, of Australia.

Interest in this fight, which turned out to be not much of a battle, after all, had been heightened by the Long Count in Chicago and the rumor that Gene was making his last ring appearance.

Tunney stopped Tom in 11 rounds and then retired, heavyweight title holder unbeaten.

Only 45,000 fans meandered into the Stadium and the fight went into the books as one of the few Rickard losers.

On June 12, 1930, the old Stadium was the scene of one of the very few fights ending in a foul which marked that arena's history. The participants in this controversial battle were winner Max Schmeling and loser Jack Sharkey. The referee was Jimmy Crowley.

Later Jack turned the tables on the Uhlan, but in this one, in 1932, Sharkey beat Max in 15 rounds. That was in the Long Island Bowl.

The feature fight list of the first Stadium has to include the second meeting of Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott. Their first meeting had excited a lot of controversy after 15 rounds. But this second fight lasted only eleven heats.

The old Stadium list ends with the loss of the title by Floyd Patterson to Ingo Johansson in three rounds on June 26, 1959.

This was the first of three fights between them, with Patterson winning the rematch to perform the feat of regaining the heavyweight championship for the first time in the Glove Era.

Between the Tunney victory over Heeney and the Johansson triumph over Patterson, the Bronx arena saw Louis stop Tami Mauriello, Rocky Marciano whip Ezzard Charles twice, Marciano knock out Archie Moore, Louis outpoint Tommy Farr, and Joe stop Arturo Godoy in 8.

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112 pounds: Leo Randolph, Tacoma, Wash., dec. Julio Rodriguez, Waianae, Hawaii.

119 pounds: Charles Mooney, Washington, D.C., dec. Elichi Jumawan, Wahiawa, Hawaii.

125 pounds: Davie Armstrong, Puyallup, Wash., dec. Leonel Valencia, Redwood City, Calif.

132 pounds: Howard Davis, Glen Cove, N.Y., dec. Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati.

139 pounds: "Sugar" Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md., dec. Bruce Curry, Fort Worth, Tex.

147 pounds: Clinton Jackson, Nashville, dec. Roosevelt Green, Cincinnati.

156 pounds: Chuck Walker, Mesa, Ariz., dec. Henry Bunch, Washington, D.C.

165 pounds: Michael Spinks, St. Louis, dec. Keith Broom, Charlotte, N.C.

178 pounds: Leon Spinks, St. Louis, dec. John Davis, Hempstead, N.Y.

Heavyweight: John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn., dec. Marvin Stinson, Philadelphia.

NOTE

On page 6 of the June issue of RING, the photograph in the upper left hand corner was identified as showing Ali and Doug Jones. This was an error. It actually shows Ali and Sonny Banks in the course of their February 10, 1962, bout in New York, in which Ali stopped Banks in round four.

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LT. HEAVY KING, GALINDEZ, KO'S KATES IN 15th

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Over six minutes had elapsed and the fight continued with Galindez, who has been tabbed "the animal," wading into Kates with both hands and the blood flowing freely. The crowd's sympathy swung towards Galindez as he had Kates retreating in the fourth, but Kates fought back causing more blood, and the boxers were covered. Even the referee's shirt was reddened by the gore.

Kates played on the injury, but he was being beaten back by the champion and the American showed tremendous gameness in not wilting. But in the seventh a tremendous barrage of blows sent him to the canvas. Kates, showing great courage, made it to his feet as Galindez poured leather on him.

Kates came out refreshed in the eighth and had the champion on the ropes, but Galindez also had Kates on the ropes. Kates was warned for use of the head, and Galindez to keep his punches up. In the tenth Galindez trapped Kates in his own corner and slammed away at him. Kates was shaken, but refused to wilt. Kates showed better in the next two rounds, scoring with both hands, and Galindez was hampered by blood and used the arm of the referee to wipe the blood off at the close quarters.

Kates was warned again for use of his head in the 13th and Galindez eased up in the 12th and 13th rounds. Kates was again warned for use of his head in the fourteenth, and Galindez sank to his knees as a low left to the groin had him in pain. Galindez came back with a hard right, but another low blow from Kates caught him.

Kates attacked strongly in the last round. Galindez slipped, but jumped up immediately. Then Kates had Galindez on the ropes. Galindez got out of trouble. Then, after jumping around, Galindez shook Kates with a short left and followed it with a looping left hook, catching the American flush on the chin. It was all over. Kates tried valiantly to beat the count, but could not make it.

The three S. African judges had Galindez ahead at the time of the closure, and my own card read Galindez 101, Kates 95.

ARGUELLO HALTS TORRES WITH KO IN 3rd

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Alberto Davila, 120, Pomona, proved too much the boxer for Jose Rosa, 119, San Juan, P.R.

In a fast paced six rounder, Francisco Flores, 129, Los Angeles, outlasted Orlando Arguello, 127½, Managua, Nicaragua. The latter is Alexis's kid brother.

WELTER CHAMP, JOHN STRACEY, LOSES TITLE

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What's next for the new champion? Well it's back to Los Angeles and a couple of non-title bouts before he puts the crown on the line. Those mentioned are Andy Price, Los Angeles, Stracey for a rematch or a bout with U.S. champion Armando Muniz. There is no talk of a bout against W.B.A. champion, Puerto Rico's Angel Espada.

Stracey hopes for a return-go, but in the meantime, he can box Clyde Gray for the Commonwealth title or Italy's Marco Scano, for the European crown.

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ROBINSON DISPOSES OF WYNN

By DON HAMILL

TAUNTON, MASS. — Ricky Wynn, 215, Norton, hoped to atone for the only loss on his record when he faced Horace Robinson, 221½, New York. The bout was held about eight miles from his hometown and the fans turned out. After a slow first minute Robinson unleashed an unmerciful attack that had Wynn helpless and out on his feet when the bout was stopped a few seconds before the bell was to end the first round. The fans sat stunned and disbelieving.

Jackie Smith, 155, Brockton, punched out a clear cut eight round decision over Joe Houston, 161, Lowell. The bout was handled by referee Nick Previti, one of the judges, who filled in for Charley Adams, who had suffered a mishap during the day. It was Nick's first refereeing chore and he did an admirable job.

Joe DeFayette, 141, Taunton, stopped Bobby Houston, 161, Lowell, when the latter was unable to come out for round two. (The family name of the Houston brothers is Beausoliel.) Bobby Castaneda, 130, Brockton, handed a six round boxing lesson to wild-swinging Papo Melendez, 127, Lowell, but had to settle for a split decision win. Ref Nick Previti stepped in and saved Jim Lahey, 142, Concord, from a pasting from Jimmy Corkum, 140, Brockton, in the fourth and final round of the curtain raiser.

▲PORTLAND — Tony Lopes, 144½, Brockton, had his hands full getting a ten round unanimous decision over veteran Julio Mandell, 142, Toronto, Ont. The veteran Canadian had an awkwardly effective style. The Brockton High School student piled up points with his left jab and occasionally scored with jarring head punches on the evasive Mandell. Lopes suffered a cut on his left eyebrow and his nose was bloodied.

Pete Riccitelli, 184, Portland, announced his retirement following an eight round shellacking suffered at the hands of Rick Rossetti, 195, Plymouth. It marked Rossetti's third pro venture. Don Bickford, 150, Oakland, Maine, punched sharply in taking a six round unanimous decision over Joe De Fayette, 145, Taunton. Jessie Crown, 212, Portland, turned back former amateur star Mike LaPointe, 230, Thomaston, in their four rounder. Experience helped Crown to a unanimous verdict. Two amateur bouts opened the show.

▲WATERBURY—STATE ARMORY — Luis Davila, 135, Hartford, was awarded a roundly booed ten round split decision over Jimmy Brackett, also 135, Brooklyn. Davila got off to an early lead by being more aggressive than he had shown here before. Brackett, a Golden Glove champion, countered well and stopped Davila's forward progress. He piled up points by beating Davila to the punch. The last three rounds saw the clever New Yorker score with teeth rattling punches. The decision favoring Davila was very poor.

Bob Mashburn, 215, New York, turned back veteran Charley Polite, 225, Springfield, by taking a unanimous six round decision. The bout ended Polite's aspirations of a comeback and a crack at John (Dino) Denis' New England heavyweight title. Jerry Hayes, 126, East Orange, N.J., battered Francisco Maldonado, 129, Lowell, so freely referee Walter Longo wisely called a halt when the latter was absorbing a bad beating in the second round. Jeff Holmes, 144, New York, appeared too big for Danny Daniels, 139, Newark, and took a unanimous six round duke. Julio Garcia, 143, Newark, finished strong to earn a four round unanimous nod over Freddy Fernandez, 144, Somers, in a good bout. The proceeds of the bout went to the Waterbury Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

▲TAUNTON — Roseland Ballroom — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 162, Brockton, needed five rounds to fathom the slap-dash style of Black Jack Bob Smith, 160, Miami. Smith boxing from the portside took the offensive immediately. Hagler scored several good blows and the slowing process started. By the fifth round Smith was slowed to a walk and unable to muster up a rally. Twice he dropped to his knees. The second time referee Billy Connolly stopped the bout.

Billy Duquette, 160, Brockton, and D. C. Walker, 156, New Haven, slugged it out for six savage rounds to end up in a draw. Joe Houston, 162, Lowell, took a clear cut six round decision over Roland Cousins, 161, in a poor fight to watch. Joe DeFayette, 138, Taunton, had no trouble stopping an inept Roland Sigmon, 134, Lowell, in the second round after carrying him through the first. Jimmy Corkum, 138, Brockton, exploded a pair of left hooks on the chin of Willie Davis, 140, Kingston, N.Y., in the first heat. Peter Dovell, 145, Braintree, built up a lead and survived a rally to gain a four round split decision over Bobby Franklin, 150, Brighton, in the opener.

New England has a pair of boxers using the name of Papo Melendez. One is a featherweight boxing out of Lowell. The other, a welterweight, Jose (Papo) Melendez, is boxing out of Hartford. He recently gave former welterweight champion Billy Backus an interesting evening in Albany, N.Y. . .Rev. Jack Kennedy of Wolcott, Ct., who was a good lightweight in the 1930's is undergoing major surgery. He is pastor of a Community Church. . .Dr. Irving Weisenfeld of Framingham, long a ringside physician and examiner of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission died recently. He was always pleasant and will be missed.

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ronzio, Freddy Huber, and Tony DiLullo, featherweight champion of Canada. Ratzel also kayoed Ivy Falkenstein, Metropolitan Champion, and Charlie Curtis, Kings and Queens County titleholder.

During World War II Hughie served with the 716 Military Police Battalion, and after his discharge joined the Callahan-Kelly Post 1003, American Legion, in Bushwick, where he was later elected twice to serve as its commander. He is presently a member of the New York City Transit Post 1172, American Legion, and a well-liked member of the Veteran Boxers Association, Ring 21, of Brooklyn.

Hughie would appreciate hearing from his many friends either by mail or a visit.

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From the past we ran into an old friend of our publisher, Nat Loubet, who has been part of the fistic scene for years. His name is Louis Zipkin, 56 years old, born on New York's East Side. Now a sales manager. Family. . .wife, Yetta, two sons, Martin, a veterinarean, and Steve, an engineer in Fallsburg. Known in his time as the fighting salesman, he boxed in the late 30s and early 40s, as a feather and then as a lightweight. His manager was our old friend, Harry Lenny, one of the famous Lenny Brothers. Harry later became a manager of note, having managed, among others, Roy Impellitaire, the Cold Springs Harbor heavyweight, recalling his great fights with Tommy Loughran in the Bronx Coliseum and Primo Carnera in Madison Square Garden's 8th Avenue arena. One of Zipkin's trainers was Billy Brown, and his cornerman was Johnny Stapleton. The other was Moe Fleischer.

Zipkin says he was undefeated in 27 amateur bouts and lost only one out of 39 pro skirmishes. Recalls story in RING MAGAZINE when he was on the same card in a preliminary setto with Impellitaire. His fondest memory. When he was in Joe Louis's corner in Chicago when the Bomber met and won the heavyweight crown from our pal, Jimmy Braddock. Zipkin's first pro scrap on the Loughran-Impelltaire memorable fight in the Bronx Coliseum, when the bout was first stopped by the referee because of Loughran suffering a cut but Commissioner Bill Brown ordering the scrap to resume with the Philadelphian getting the duke at the end of the tenth round.

Zipkin is a real fight buff today. Claims he has a boxing historian book which goes back to 1800. Another one, called The Modern Gladiator, was printed in 1888. Has several fighters.

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Boxing will never suffer from laek of fan interest. This is amply proven by the letters we receive from folks we never knew. Recently we received a letter from Sal Rappe, who call himself a boxing expert, from New York City. Here's what he wrote us:

"Dear Mr. Sam Taub: I am writing to let you know how much I enjoy your stories as well as all the other features in Boxing's bible, RING MAGAZINE. I'm 34 years of age and have been following boxing for 26 years. I have a collection of 600 fight films, so I've seen many great fighters going back to Jim Corbett. However, films alone can't give a person the true feelings for the times. There your articles capture that feeling. . .Young people today say, "Telling it like it is." Your columns should be "Telling it like it was."

Thanks, Sal.

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Boxing fans who knew him and especially those of his associates in the fistic world were saddened at the news of the passing of Andre Jessurun, former Golden Glover of the 1934 era and later a standout as a welter among the pros, rated third in his day. Andre, who was a brother-in-law of Al Reid, former featherweight and current president of Ring 8, V.B.A., passed away suddenly following a heart attack. He was managed by the late Mike Burke, a crack performer in his time.

Jesserun, 61, is survived by his wife, Dorothy, sister, his daughter, Carolee, and his son, Alan, as well as three grandchildren. Andre's buddy and pal through his fighting days, "Ossie" Feldman, flew back from Los Angeles to appear at the funeral. We broadcast a few of his fights in our days before the Mike, especially those coming from the Bronx area. Both Ring #8 and Ring #21 were out in force to pay their respects to Jessurun, a real gentleman.

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Oscasr Bonavina, rated in RING MAGAZINE among the top ten heavyweights in the world for over a decade, met his death in Reno, Nevada, where he was shot, ending his career at the age of 33. Oscar boxed all the outstanding heavyweights and held the South American heavyweight crown at the time of his passing. He faced Champion Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Floyd Patterson, Ron Lyle and Zora Folley, among others.

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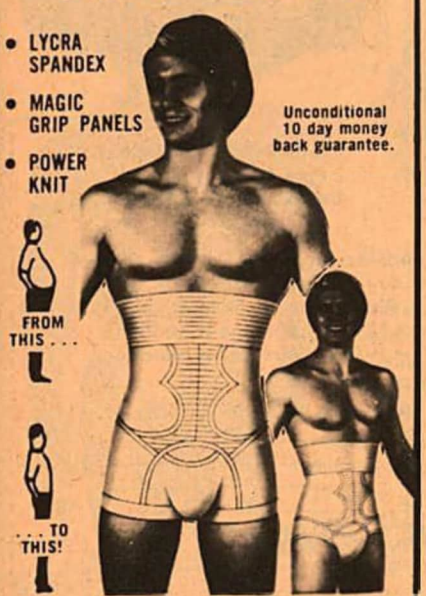

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DAGGE TAKES OBED'S CROWN. VITO LOSES

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on the chin, and it sent Dagge to the canvas as the bell sounded. As in accordance with the WBC rules, referee Jay Edson continued counting to eight as Dagge scrambled to his stool. The German recovered well and even shared the points in the round that followed.

In the sixth Dagge caught Obed off balance with a right and the champion was shaken. The baby face brown bomber from the Bahamas's trunks came apart at the rear in this round and caused some embarrassment at ringside.

In rounds seven, eight and nine Dagge came into the picture and Obed took damaging blows to the body, although he was still collecting points with his left jab to the face.

In the interval to the tenth a new pair of shorts arrived for Obed and for some, of course, spoiled the fun.

With 1:47 gone of the tenth it was all over, and a new champion had arrived.

Obed simply turned away from Dagge and made for his corner.

The 8000 crowd, and Dagge, were stunned and could not believe their eyes. The champion had called it a day. Obed had apparently taken more punishment than the naked eye had witnessed from outside the ring.

The champion complained afterwards that he had difficulty in seeing the German in the final round and was boxing only from instinct. He went to a local hospital later for a check-up.

Referee Jay Edson, USA, and judges Angelo Pirotti, Italy, and Sanchez Villa, Spain, all had Obed two points in front at the end of round nine.

52-year-old American, Jay Edson, was the third man for the Obed-Dagge bout, having been nominated by the WBC, but not before a day of protests by the German camp and boxing officials.

At one time, thirty-six hours before the event, Kid Rado, of Austria, was named as the third man to replace Edson. The Germans did not approve of Edson arriving in the city five days before the meeting and then to find he had booked in to the same hotel as the world champion.

EBU regulations do not allow the third man to appear on the scene until twenty-four hours before the fight. For Edson, who has been in charge of some 300 battles, this was his 28th world title fight. He also handled the Muhammad Ali-Jimmy Ellis affair. Edson was also the third man for Elisha Obed's previous two defenses. The Germans had to back down finally when the American party considered pulling out of town. As promoter Willi Zeller said, "I have DM250,000 tied up in this programme. What else could we do but accept the WBC's decision?" I was left with the impression that Jay Edson knew his job well and enjoyed doing it. Unlike the continental referees he let the fighters get on with their job, also.

I have seldom heard of a world championship contest not being televised. This was the case in Berlin. The promoter offered the fight live for a fee of DM 100,000 and then cut his demands by 50%.

Local TV bosses were then willing providing the advertisements in the venue were removed. It was then that talks broke down.

When Dagge made his professional debut on March 2, 1973, Elisha Obed had already been boxing six years and had won all of his 33 contests.

Dagge, six centimetres taller than Obed, who stood 1.75m, has now won 19 of his 22 starts, losing to Carlos Marks, Trinidad, Jose Duran, Spain, and Antuofermo, the Italian who relieved him of his European junior middleweight title earlier this year. Obed won the WBC title by beating Miguel De Oliveira in ten rounds in Paris last November 13 and has since made defenses against Tony Gardner and Sea Robinson. This was his first defeat in 68 bouts.

The new WBC champion is Eckhard Dagge, while the WBA recognizes Spaniard Jose Duran. One guy these two champions should be worrying over is the Italian based Australian Rocky Mattioli.

Since arriving in Italy under the wing of Umberto Branchini, Mattioli has beaten Chris Fernandez, KO4, outscored Mohamed Mohator, halted Jorgen Hansen and Domenico DiJorio and shared points with former junior welterweight champion, Bruno Arcari.

EVERETT BEATS FIGUEROA

By TED YAMACHIKA

Honolulu, Hawaii — Tyrone Everett, 126½, Phil., easily outpointed Felix Figueroa, 126, Puerto Rico, in a tenner at the Blaisdell Memorial arena. The decision was unanimous and a very lopsided one. But Everett did not impress the fans, who thought he played it too safe.

He was as fast as ever, and almost impossible to hit, but he didn't display any aggressiveness. His performance was almost monotonous. The fans had expected a little more from one rated so highly and especially because he had come here to show the promoter and the fans that he was good enough to beat Villaflor.

Andrew Ganigan, 132, Honolulu, knocked out Rado Broncano, 134, Philippines, in the second round of a scheduled ten round fight.

Maybe at long last Honolulu has a fighter worthy of a main event billing. Ganigan has won 11 in a row, 10 by knockouts.

The 5 rounder between Big Al Nieves, 183, Honolulu, and Joe Garcia, 185, Mexico, was stopped in the 2nd and ruled a technical draw due to a cut over an eye suffered by Nieves.

William Vea, 218½, Honolulu, beat Pake Dudoit, 218, Honolulu. 5.

Jose Orantes, 125, Mexico, and Virgilio Amano, 124, Philippines, drew in 5.

▲On another card, Fernando Cabanela, 126, Philippines, stopped Frankie Granados, 127, Mexico, in the tenth and final round. Cabanela won every round in a mismatch.

In another scheduled tenner Rudy Barro, 141, Philippines, had no trouble disposing of Jorge Ramirez, 138¼, Mexico, in the 3rd.

Chung Moon Chin, 136, Korea, finished Fidel Guzman, 137, Mexico, in the 6th of 10.

Tama Elsi, 158, Honolulu, knocked out Leo Arrington, 157, Calif. in 4.

Virgilio Amano, 124, Philippines, beat Jose Orantes, 124, Mexico, in 4 rounds.

This was the first card presented by Herbert Minn, the second promoter now operating in Honolulu. He is associated with Lope Sarreal of the Philippines.

Frankie Duarte, 121, Mexico, took care of Erning Grafe, 126, Philippines, in the 6th of a scheduled ten round fight. Duarte hit a bit too hard for his outclassed opponent.

Johnny "Bank Bang" Jenson, 127½, Los Angeles, outpointed Rudy Villagonza, 124, Philippines, in 8 rounds.

Bert Cabanig, 122½, Philippines, knocked out Jose Orantes, 123, Mexico, in the 2nd of 6.

William Vea, 215, Honolulu, chillded Big Al Nieves, 186, Honolulu, with one punch. The fight lasted exactly 20 seconds.

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land effectively. But sometimes there was a lack of action for long periods, and the referee told them to work harder in the third.

Morris attacked in the fifth, and in the following round succeeded in putting Waith down momentarily. But he was up at once and quickly resumed the battle.

As referee Frank Parkes, himself a fine fighter in his day, went to break them he took a left to the chin from Waith. But as he always used to Frank just shook his head and carried on.

Morris kept up his attack in the final session but was weaker now, and Waith had little difficulty in keeping him at bay.

Debutant Ray Dudd, Bradford, 117, beat John Chesters, Halifax, 116, who was disqualified for "butting" less than a minute before the end of the sixth and final round.

A good contest, with the taller Dudd boxing cooly against an agressive opponent who shook Ray once or twice with hard rights. Chesters received a final warning before being ruled out.

Johnny Frankham, Reading, 177, former British light-heavyweight champion, repeated a previous win by outpointing Danny Fontillio, Thamesmead, 175, over ten by 98½-97½.

As the scoreline indicates, Frankham did not have things all his own way, and if Fontillio had done better in the early rounds, instead of taking quite a time to get warmed up, it might have been a real cliff-hanger.

Frankham was having his first bout for five months, and it was probably ring-rustiness that caused him to take more punches that he usually does, for he is a clever defensive boxer.

Yet nothing must be taken away from Fontillio, who gave a fine performance, and often took Frankham out of his stride by the persistence of his attacks.

As the right progressed, Fontillio got better and better. But he was cut over the left eye in the eighth, and the amount of blood must have handicapped him.

▲Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Former British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, 133, outpointed Midlands Area lightweight champion Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 133, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½.

Glencross said afterwards he had not fought up to standard because he had had trouble with a hand injury which he sustained in his last contest.

Glencross had to pull out all the stops to finish strongly and edge home in a bout that was mostly conducted at close quarters.

Jeff Prichard, Tredegar, 128½, easily outscored Tommy Duffy, Wishaw, 135¾, by 80-77½ over eight. The fans threw in nobbins.

Duffy was decked in the fourth, but came back strongly, and always wanted to make a fight of it against an opponent who was more accurate and punched more cleanly.

Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 179, kayoed Randy Barrett, Wolverhampton, 176, in five. Now 32, Roger was too experienced and hit too hard for Barrett, who was decked for seven from a right hand before being knocked out.

Jimmy King, Birmingham, 141½, outpointed Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 140, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Terry Mintus, Leeds, 195, beat Derek Simpkin, 200, the bout being stopped in the sixth when the latter's left eye, injured in the opening round, had completely closed.

EX-FLY WORLD CHAMP, VILLACAMPO, DRAWS WITH ALDEGUER

By FELIPE J.C. GALANG

Ric Fernandez, 118, kayoed Sergs Bombeo, 118, in the last and final rounds in Dipolog City. The bout was promoted by Rodolfo Eso. Fernandez proved too fast and clever for the slow moving Bombeo, who absorbed Ric's punches like a blotter. He just gave out when punches coming from all directins found their targets. The bout ended in the 6th.

▲Dasmarinas — Joe Lim, 133, won by disqualification over Al del Rosario, 133, in 10 rounds. Bout promoted by C. Cruz, Jr. Both boys did their works in the very start and were on even terms. As the round progressed, Del Rosario had been fouling his opponent and the displeased referee awarded the decision to Lim.

▲Davao City — Peter Piamonte, 140, drew with Carl Panchito, 139. The bout was promoted by Agustin Garcia. Peter was faster, but Carl was stronger, and the draw decision was popular. George Pedroso, 109, won over Philip Tagupa, 111, in 8 rounds. Tagupa was the junior flyweight champion while George was No. 6 in the same division. It was an upset for the heavy favorite Tagupa.

▲Davao del Sur — Nap Cajetas, 126, kayoed Ric Moreno, 121, in the 2nd round of a scheduled 10 rounder. It was promoted by Edilberto Arca. Moreno was No. 2 in the junior feather class, while Nap was unknown, so it was a disastrous night for Moreno.

▲Cebu City — Colley Saloma, the Philippines featherweight king halted Juanito Martinez, 126, and No. 3 in the same division. The bout was promoted by M. Misa. Saloma proved that he is still the featherweight king. Johnny Sato, 126, and No. 6 in the featherweight division, beat Manuel Tijares, 127, in 10 rounds. This was an even match, but Johnny got the edge at the end of 10 rounds.

▲Nasugbu, Batangas — Ramon Dionesio, 146, kayoed Dommy Froilan, 146, in the 8th of a scheduled 10. The fight was promoted by Lope Sarrel, Jr. Ramon was too strong for the clever Froilan.

▲Angeles City — Jun Evangelista, 111, halted Cecil Escobido, 112, in the 7th of the scheduled 10. The bout was promoted by Antonio Esguerra. Cecil was out of condition, or else did not train for the bout, and sank on the floor at the end of the 7th. Nilo Villareal, 126, kayoed Rufo Aberia, 126, in the 4th round.

▲Cebu City — Bernabe Villacampo, 113, and former world champion, drew with Ben Aldeguer, 111, and No. 1 in the flyweight division. It was a give and take affair from the list to the last bell of 10 rounds and was promoted by Romeo Quimque. Tito Gonzaga, 141, kayoed Jessie Necessario, 140, and No. 4 in the welterweight division. It was a sad night for Jessie who was kayoed in the 5th.

▲Angeles City — Joe Almano, 135, bested Al del Rosario, 137. The bout was promoted by Felimon Vasquez. Del Rosario was strong, but Almano was faster and clever.

▲Manila — Fred Pastor, 134, won over Joe Lim, 131, in 10 rounds at the Rizal Coliseum. The fight was promoted by Mamerto Besa. The fight was even at the start, but as the bout progressed Fred took command. Noel Arrisesgado, 122, kayoed Mar Alberio, 122, in the 8th round. Sandy Torres, 120, beat Neptali Alamag, 120, in 10 rounds. Sandy was better in the exchanges. Gideo Tayogon, 147, bested Frisco Montemayor, 146, in 10. Toyogen was No. 1 while Frisco was No. 3 in the junior middleweight division. Amie Perigrino, 136, stopped Bert Villarino, 138, in the 5th. Amie was too strong for Vert.

▲lligan City — Jimmy Leonar, 130, did not have a hard time in stopping Mike Benitez, 130, in the 8th round. The bout was promoted by Jesus Ostia. It was one-sided bout and it was but a training for Jimmy.

▲Butuan City — Naduma, Jr., 120, stopped Nario Odias, 120, in the 8th round. The fight was promoted by N. Martinez. It was the best fight ever seen in Butuan, as the fighters started the fireworks from the first, but it was a sad night for Nario.

▲Dipolog City — Ric Fernandez, 120, kayoed San Sacristian, 120, in the 6th round of their fight, which was promoted by Young Promotion. Sacristian had been a veteran fighter and made a name for himself. He was the heavy favorite, but found his master.

▲Olongapu City — Orlando Cruz, 129, kayoed Ben Estallo, 120, in the 5th round. The fight was promoted by Severino Balubar. Balubar is a veteran trainer for more than a decade so he knows his boxing.

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ART HAFEY TOO MUCH FOR MEAWEATHER

By FRED BISHOP

New Glasgow, N.S. — Art Hafey, 125, Stellarton, N.S. but now fighting out of San Diego, Calif. made short work of unranked Ron Meaweather, 126, Philadelphia, in a three round war that had a good crowd of over 2400 on their feet from the opening bell.

Although Meaweather's credentials were not up to the World's No. 1 ranked featherweight, he turned out to be one of the finest little fighting men ever to show in Eastern Canada.

After an even first round in which Hafey went all out only to have Meaweather fight him to a standstill showing beautiful footwork and power in both hands.

In the second Hafey came out punching to finish this upstart but the continuous roar fell to where one could hear a pin drop as Meaweather attacked with both hands, the entire round was fought at centre ring with Hafey pounding to the head and body with hooks and uppercuts only to have his attack nullified by Meaweather counterattack, Meaweather round.

In round three a vicious left hook caught Meaweather on the jaw, referee Bobby Beaton counted to nine and Hafey roared in for the kill but wait, the visitor attacks with both hands, a straight right shook up Hafey who storms right back in, he lands a short murderous right hand that lifted Meaweather off his feet as he hits the deck on his shoulder blades, a mule would not have kicked him any harder. The time of the kayo was 1:52. Both boys received a standing ovation right to their dressing-rooms, keep an eye open for Meaweather, this is a comer.

In a six-round semi-final, Maritime, 175-pound champion, Joey Bordon, New Glasgow, had his hands full with veteran Archie Lee, 174, Halifax. Lee, a sneak right hand puncher, with good power, hurt Bordon a number of times but the well conditioned champion shook most of the hard shots off to escape with a unanimous decision.

In six rounds, Peter Linthrone, 148, Stellarton, N.S. iced Reg MacLean, 144, New Glasgow midway through the first of a wild one while it lasted. In a four round opener, Amhet Tosci, 157, White Plains, N.Y. stopped Gary Cameron, 161, Dartmouth with a vicious body attack, time of 1:48 of the first.

▲Halifax, N.S. — Johnny Summerhays, 134¼, Brantford, Ont. came to Halifax Canadian lightweight champion, fought a slashing 12 round fight but went down to defeat on the score cards of two of the three judges to Barry Sponagle, 135, Stellarton, N.S. before a crowd of over 4,000 who paid about $42,000 to sit in on this free-for-all.

Summerhays started off fast in the first round and carried on throughout landing the harder punches against the ever trying Sponagle whose both eyes were cut, the right eyebrow was gashed in the seventh. In the next heat, a long right hand ripped a cut along Barry's left eye, Sponagle appeared to be having trouble getting any kind of an attack going as the champ would land three to four good punches and hold on. In the ninth during a Summerhays attack he landed outside the ring (Summerhays) from that point on it became a very dirty fight, in the tenth and eleventh Summerhays used his head, after the fight Summerhays claimed these were accidental butts but this writer wonders. After being warned by referee Percy Paris and losing the 11th round, Summerhays again in the twelfth came up with the head only this time Sponagle came charging back with his head, for the last minute of the fight they looked like a couple of enraged bulls as the mob roared. Judge Jack Delaney voted Sponagle 56-54, judge Alex Nickerson, Summerhays 58-53, judge Stu Isner, Sponagle 54-53. The Ring card was 58-50, Summerhays.

In a ten round fight, Clyde Gray, 152, Windsor, N.S. took eight rounds with two even against tough Gary Broughton, 157, Brantford, Ont. in a very good fight of a great card Gray's lop-sided triumph was not embarrassing for Broughton as he fought every round without taking a backward step, both boys received a great ovation.

In eight rounds, the best fight of the night for raw punching power popular Damiano Pellergrino, 167, Toronto, stopped veteran Archie Lee, 171, Halifax, midway through the sixth, this was by far one of the hardest hitting fights in Halifax in years.

In six rounds Peter Linthrone, 146, Stellarton shaded Don Boulter, 152, Crapaud, P.E.I. in a fast fight while in a four, Bobby Brake stopped Brian Linthorne, 145, Stellarton, 2:05 of the fourth.

RODRIGUEZ SPLITS WITH GANT

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

PALACIO DE LOS DEPORTES — SANTO DOMINGO, D.R. — Hot and cold welter Fausto Rodriguez had one of his off-days when he scored a split decision over Johnny Gant.

Rodriguez tried to duplicate his early round kayo over Kevin Morgan in his previous performance. He wasted no time in going for a fast kayo with his power-packed right, but this time it was no-go. Gant was too elusive, and managed to get away from Fausto after a troublesome first round.

Gant took the lead in the third when he dropped his opponent for the mandatory eight count and seemed to have the edge from there on because of his superior boxing skill.

The plodding Rodriguez still has lots to learn. He continued to look for a one-punch kayo while Gant accumulated points with his snappy left jab.

The Gant gang was not too happy with the verdict, and are clamoring for a re-match.

The semi-final saw Guillermo Armengol, 120½, gave away five pounds to Patricino Nunez, but had enough on the ball to stop his rival just seconds before the final bell. The time was 2:58 of the tenth.

Bantam Julio Soto Solano continued his undefeated skein when he scored a five round kayo over Ramon Cabral.

Middleweight Eliseo Sanlley scored a TKO over Ramon Vilova in the third.

In the opening four Juan Castro, 131½, outpointed Ramoncito Cruz, 125¾.

JEROME STOPS GEISLER IN CANADIAN HEAVY TITLE

By JIMMY JOHNSTON

TORONTO, CANADA — Vancouver heavyweight George Jerome, 202, won the vacant Canadian heavyweight title when he kayoed Horst "Hoss" Geisler, 255, at 2:34 of the sixth round.

The title had been vacated by the Canadian Boxing Federation last September and Geisler was matched with Paul Neilson in an elimination won by Geisler on a three-round kayo.

A crowd of 2400 attended the card at the C.N.E. Coliseum by Irving Ungerman.

Jerome withstood five rounds of mauling by the enormous six foot six Geisler before suddenly turning the tables to win by a knockout. Knocked out of the ring in the third Jerome recovered to floor Geisler twice in the sixth with overhand rights.

In the co-feature, Clyde Gray, Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight champ, kayoed Dave Oropeza in two heats.

Gray exploded a right hand on Orpeza's chin in the second round to kayo the Phoenix boy at 1:24.

RINGSIDE with "Sailor" Don Sauer

(continued from page 41)

Chris Cline, who once held the managerial reins of U.S. jr. middleweight champ, Mike Baker, now under contract to George Allen, football coach of the Washington Redskins. Dad dubs Biff as a second Rocky Marciano. That's a pretty big order! Solomon McTier, who has been boxing for 20 years or more, still is active in Florida rings. He has been dubbed "The Eternal One"—nice monicker at that, Solomon. . .One thing that everyone associated with writing boxing is concerned with is how Ali compares to the fighters of yesteryear. These martyrs of the past (Schmeling—Baer—Louis—Dempsey) wore five and six ounce gloves, not eight ounce jobs like Ali and his list of "pretenders" today. . .Subway Sam Silverman, prominent N.E. and Boston fight promoter, opened small club action with boxing every other Wednesday night at the Roseland Ballroom, Taunton, Massachusetts. Silverman also goes every Thursday night at Portland, Maine, which has been a "gold-mine" for him for years. He has developed many outstanding Maine battlers in this small club. . .Goody Petronelli, who is the uncle and trainer of Jr. welterweight Tony Petronelli, is head of "special services" at the South Weymouth, Massachusetts, Naval Air Station where he is a career Navy man. . .The passing of Oscar Bonavena when in the prime of his career came as a shock to this writer. Oscar was officially handled by Mrs. Sally Comforte, of Reno, Nevada. . .The Jean Mateo bubble was burst by Gratien Tonna in a Parisian ring. Now maybe Jean will return to the states, under the capable wing of Frankie Dobales of Oakland, California. Seems that Jean figured to stay in France now that his stint in the French Army is over and campaign there, but the loss may have changed things for the hard punching Basque battler. The Parisian kayo loss cost Mateo a fight with top ranked Bennie Briscoe. . .It seems that everyone in Mexico weighs 118 pounds, or how else do you explain their virtual monopoly of the bantamweight championship? Rodney Bobick, sparring partner of Ali and brother of Duane, is the father of a baby girl—congratulations Mary and Rodney. . .Phil Fritz, trained by Lou Gross, is back in the gym at Miami Beach. . .Chuck Davey, former welterweight contender, who boxed Kid Gavilan for the title is a proud family man—today Chuck is chairman of the Michigan State Athletic Commission, as well as a "big man" with New England Insurance in Southfield, Michigan. . .but many folks don't know—if it wasn't for his fight with Carmen Basilio—Chuck would never have met his charming wife. When taken to the hospital to be "stitched up," after a tough Basilio fight—he met his wife and they lived happily ever after. . .how about that—now they know, Chuck!! Lou Viscusi has a new heavyweight find in Al Hogan—6'4"and boxing's knowledgeable lot who have seen Hogan in action, figure he could crack the top ten within the next year. . .Marcel Bizien, makes a comeback at 165 pounds, in Paterson, N.J.—this is the same Bizien who was managed by Al Bachman of N.Y.C. years back—and boxed as a welterweight—Bizien is a helluva card in Jersey—sells a lot of tickets. . .A brand new gym at 3766 Mill Street in Reno has opened up—under the management of Rocco Zitopries and Oakland, Calif. fight handler, Allen Moore. . .Too big for their lightweight britches, Jimmy Heair and Randy Shields will henceforth campaign as welters. . .Heair figures to be more comfortable at 143—the six-feet tall Shields looks toward 145 lbs. now that his injured shoulder has healed. . .Howard "K.O." Smith, the former California heavyweight champion says he is ready to fight anyone—if the price is right. . .Former welterweight contender, Charlie Shipes has joined the George Foreman team—replacing Kid Rapidez—Foreman, who changes his mind frequently, is now based at Marshall, Texas, leaving the confines of sunny California behind him for a spell anyway—he might change his mind before this appears in print. . .Mickey "The Kid" Davies—west coast boxing promoter, is one guy who never forgets his old friends. . .Mickey wants to be remembered to Johnny Dunn, Charlie Luongo, Sam Silverman, Al Clemente, Rip Valenti, Frankie Valenti, and all his "old friends" from Boston's fight gyms—he met when he campaigned here with the late Dave Sunny Shade—real name was Jesse Underwood—who died in Detroit a few years back. . .Davies now operating in and around San Diego.

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PADUANO RETURNS AND WHIPS FILION

By FRANK ALLNUTT

QUEBEC CITY. . .Professional boxing returned to this city with a card promoted by Guy Dion and featured the return to ring action of former Canadian welterweight champion, Donato Paduano (Montreal) who came out of retirement which lasted a year. The former champion at 161½ had his work cut out to win a unanimous ten round decision over J. Yves Filion (Chicoutimi) 158½.

Canadian Middleweight champion, Fernand Marcotte Jr., 156, had a real soft touch in John Davis (New York) 149¼. Marcotte destroyed Davis in four, a job he could have accomplished in half the time.

Daniel Levesque (Montreal) 155 continued on his winning streak by boxing to a six round unanimous decision over J. Guy Binet (Quebec) 157. Bernard Daoust (Montreal) 146 repeated his previous win over Fred Lagace (Chicoutimi) by stopping him again in four rounds in their welterweight match. J.C. Leclair (Montreal) 162½ had too much going for Claude Gauthier (Quebec) 159 and the bout was halted in the seventh round.

▲VERDUN. . .Jean Lapointe (Montreal) 132 won by a T.K.O. over Otto Brading (Chicago) in the fifth round. Gerald Bouchard (Montreal) halted one the Sisco Kidd (Chicago) in the third round of a middleweight go. Roy Johnson (Montreal) a unanimous decision winner over Bobby Orr (Chicago) after eight rounds. Michel Rouleau, 135, K.O.ed Trinidad Angel, 144, in the third round and Ricky Zabartany, 156, stopped Roger Guay, 152, in the second round. This un-licensed card held in the Auditorium bombed out at the gate when only 269 fans showed.

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VAL MARTINEZ STOPS FELIX, KEEPS TITLE

By EDUARDO AMER

LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA: Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 111, stopped Angel Felix, 111, in tenth round to retain National flyweight crown. Mario Luna, 146, halted David Arellano, 146, in seven. Beto Gutierrez, 124, iced Jose Luis Solano, 124, in the opening round.

▲**CULIACAN, SINALOA:** Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 135, outpointed Leoncio Ortiz, 135, in 12 to become new Mexican lightweight champion. Rodolfo Chavez, 114, bested Ricardo Delgado, 114, in ten.

▲**CIUDAD MANTE, TAMAULIPAS:** Aurelio Muniz, 134, defeated Juan Pablo Oropeza, 135, in 10.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Amado "Pantera" Ursua, 111, embalmed Nicolas "Remolino" Rivera, 113, in three. Miguel Angel Juarez, 124, decisioned Ubaldo Torres, 124, in ten. Eleazar Sanchez, 111, tko'd Jose Curiel, 111, in 5. Daniel Rojas, 133, tko'd Adrian Gutierrez, 132, in 3. Ruben Soriano, 124, and Julian Martinez, 124, drew in 4.

▲**CAMPECHE:** Jose "Dinamita" Hernandez, 125, tko'd Jorge "Coco" Portela, 125, in 3. Jorge Vera, 112, whipped Miguel "Pulgarcito" Leal, 110, in 8.

▲**DZIDZANTUN, YUCATAN:** Ranulfo Cano, 112, and Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 112, drew in six.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Manuel Barreto, 134, kayoed Humberto Alcala, 134, in two. Delfino Mendoza, 114, tko'd "Olivaritos" Chaires, 112, in 2.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 120, tko'd Pablo Rodriguez, 121, in 8.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Ruben Rivera, 187, tko'd Juan Gomez, 190, in seven to retain heavyweight title of Nuevo Leon State.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Andres Reyes, 113, tko'd Antonio Avelar, 112, in four.

▲**TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS:** Ernesto Davis, 133, of Panama, ko'd Baltazar Garcia, 134, in 5.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Carlos Martinez, 134, tko'd Arturo Rodriguez, 134, in four to become new lightweight king of Nuevo Leon State. Alberto Torres, 117, beat Abel Rodriguez, 119, in 10.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Alfonso Ibarra, 188, outscored Jose Sanchez, 119, in ten. Francisco Javier Nunez, 117, tko'd "Chilango" Castro, 117, in 3.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Jose Angel "Toro" Medina, 125, won from Jose Angel Herrera, 124, in ten. Jose Trinidad Hernandez, 134, tko'd Jesus Perez, 134, in six.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Mario Gatica, 111, tko'd Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, in 8. Joel Gatica, 116, tko'd Leo Cisneros, 115, in 2. Victor Hugo Aguirre, 111, nailed "Zurdo" Alvarado, 110, in four.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN:** Paulino Canche, 117, tko'd Humberto Lara, 118, in seven. Matias Marin, 108, decisioned Wilbert Canche, 111, in 10. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 111, won over Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 110, in six. Jose Zapata, 117, defeated Ariel Rodriguez, 117, in 6. Raymundo "Baby" Valdez, 112, gained Bernardo Paz, 113, in four.

▲**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO:** "Monkey" Gomez, 145, bombed "Fosforo" Torres, 146, in one. David Raygozo, 116, tko'd May Sanchez, 116, in 3.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Lupe Galindo, 134, knocked out Juan Manuel Arroyo, 135, in 4. Ruben Quintas, 145, ko'd Tito Cruz, 146, in 8. Memo Ayala, 117, stopped Raul Rico, 117, in five. Alfonso Baena, 115, and Manuel Luna, 116, technically drew in 6. Melchor Mendoza, 134, tko'd Tani Mendoza, 135, in two.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Victor Ramierz, 126, bested Julio Leal, 125, in ten. Jose Bautista, 117, tko'd Rodolfo Perez, 118, in 9.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Jose Luis Meza, 134, tko'd Victor Cortes, 126, in seven. Gerardo Flores, 124, tko'd Jaime de la Guerra, 124, in 3.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Ernesto Herrera, 125, bested Pancho Martinez, 127, in ten. Juan Olvera, 189, ko'd Santiago Quintal, 190, in five.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Delfino Mendoza, 115, tko'd Manny Garcia, 116, in 2.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Rosalio Badillo, 126, tko'd Magallo Lozada, 125, in nine. Raul "Babe" Lopez, 117, tko'd Gonzalo Olvera, 117, in three. Joel Valdez, 120, whipped Javier Solis, 118, in 10. Fili Gonzalez, 111, tko'd Jose Sosa, 112, in five. Eduardo Mora, 116, tko'd Jose Luis Silva, 117, in one.

▲**CAMPECHE:** Victor "Memin" Peralta, 115, stopped Bernal Reyes, 117, in nine.

▲**HALACHO, YUCATAN:** Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 111, outpointed Babe Gil, 113, in six.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Ramon de Aguinaga, 112, gained Victor Cortes, 112, in ten. Ernesto Garfias, 125, tko'd Roberto Valenzuela, 125, in tenth and last round.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Raymundo Cardoso, 125, tko'd Lupe Aguilar, 124, in 5. Fili Moreno, 124, ko'd Rafael Varela, 124, in 8. Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 117, halted Federico Carreno, 117, in 5. Ben Escalona, 124, lost to Bruno Herrera, 125, in six. Artemio Ramirez, 115, won from Hector Cortes, 115, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Arturo Delgado, 111, tko'd Juan Jose Guzman, 111, in six. Lalo Cuadros, 119, outpointed Jose "Pepe" Gonzalez, 121, in ten. Miguel Angel Juarez, 122, ko'd Nacho Rivera, 123, in 5. Jacinto Gutierrez, 111, whipped Miguel Landon, 111, in 6. Silvestre Victores, 118, and Jose Cerda, 116, drew in four.

▲**NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS:** Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 119, bested Harrison Kirger, 117, of USA, in ten. Hector "Toluco" Munoz, 135, tko'd Miguel "Mike" Estrada, 134, in five.

▲**LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Jose Villacana, 117, and Candelario "Conde" Bobadilla, 117, drew in 10. "Chayo" Garcia, 119, kayoed Antonio Hernandez, 121, in five.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Arturo Leon, 137, decisioned Jose Luis Soberanes, 135, in 10. "Negro" Campos, 117, won over Abel Torres, 119, in ten.

BANTAM MARTINEZ WINS

By ALLAN ESKEW

Ranking United States bantamweight James Martinez punched out a unanimous 10-round decision over Melvin Johnson in an exciting bout at Exposition Hall.

Johnson, a rated flyweight from Clovis, New Mexico, started fast. A Johnson right-hand in the first round left Martinez blinking his eyes.

The bout was close after six rounds, but Martinez won the last four rounds to earn the duke.

Martinez, a smooth boxer, piled up points in the latter rounds with a flicking left jab, often followed by a hard right. He hurt Johnson several times, but was unable to knock him down. The match drew a standing ovation with the decision highly popular. It was Martinez' fourth consecutive win in the Kansas capital.

In the semifinal, Tony McMinn of Baxter Springs, Kansas, wasted no time in knocking out Titus Shelby in the first minute of the first round.

McMinn has won several regional Golden Gloves titles and is trained by his father, Clarence, a former pro.

Shelby, a middleweight from Evansville, Indiana, could not get untracked as McMinn cornered him and landed a vicious left hook early. Shelby tried to hold on, but it was all in vain. McMinn chased him, trapped him and landed another left flush on Shelby's jaw. Referee Bob Spaeth counted Shelby out.

Sugar Ray Phillips, a former national Golden Gloves champion from Mineral Wells, Texas, had to use all his wile to squeak out a split six-round decision over Hank Gregory of Decatur, Arkansas.

Phillips won the last round of the middleweight contest to pull out the decision. Gregory stunned Phillips in the fifth round, but was unable to knock him out when Phillips held on for dear life.

Joplin lightweight Billy Pearish had a successful pro debut, knocking out Shannon Williams of Little Rock in the first round. Pearish decked Williams three times and the official stopped the contest.

George Madison, an Evansville, Indiana, middleweight, surrendered more than 10 pounds to Richard Squirrel Barnes of Miami, Oklahoma. Madison, however, stopped Barnes in the second round of a slugfest that had both fighters throwing punchs from any direction and landing. Barnes hurt Madison with a body shot in the second, but Madison came right back with a right to Barnes' chin. Barnes was knocked down twice before the match was stopped.

They had a barn burner main event in Joplin with Johnny Copeland, the hometown favorite, rallying to knock out Robert Turner of Wichita Falls, Texas, in the 10th round. Turner hurt Copeland in the second round with a powerful right. From the third through the eighth Copeland was fighting on instinct. Copeland, however, regained his senses in the ninth round and started pressing Turner.

Copeland, a ranking United States lightweight, shook up Turner in the ninth and finished him off in the 10th with a wicked right as the crowd went wild.

Billy Pearish won his second pro fight, punching out a unanimous four-round decision over Mandell Carolina of Dallas. Pearish, a 132-pounder, gave away 14-pounds, but was able to control every round. In another bout, Harvey Arnold of Dallas kept his record unbeaten by stopping Simmie Black in the fourth round of a junior welterweight bout. Black of Memphis gave Arnold all he wanted early, but faded.

After Martinez' sterling win in Topeka, Albuquerque promoter Ries Efford and his matchmaker Don Majeski brought him for a semifinal bout.

▲Martinez, making his New Mexico debut, punched out an easy eight-round decision over Art Silveria of Tucson, Arizona. Martinez bloodied Silveria's nose and dished out a thorough boxing lesson.

On the same card, Jesse Trujillo knocked out Danny Young of Phoenix. Majeski is brewing up a possible match between Martinez and Trujillo, two of the best 120-pounders in the country.

Joe Nemer and Dennis Tajchman tried to revive pro boxing in Wichita, but it turned out to be a dismal failure.

Wichita light heavyweight Ned Hallacy stopped an outclassed Louis Brown of Okmulgee, Oklahoma after only 28 seconds of round two.

A body blow did the final damage.

Ned's younger brother, Mike, was involved in a no contest when Leon Mitchell of Oklahoma City went down in the second round. Referee Bud Fairchild and most of the crowd did not think the punch was that hard.

"He took a fall," Fairchild told the Wichita newspaper. "I will not stand for that kind of stuff. He was not tagged. Mitchell did not come to box."

It was a sorry ending, especially for Mike, who has good potential in the middleweight class. Bouts like that will not help his record or bring the fans back.

Reggie Suttle of McAlester, Oklahoma won a four-round split decision over Alan Briscoe of Topeka in a lightweight bout.

MIDDLETON KO'S RODRIGUEZ

By JIM BUSS

Allentown, Pa. — Joe (Smokey) Middleton (185), of Washington, D.C., AND Luis Rodriguez (179), of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania engaged in a real war in the feature attraction of a Lehigh Athletic Club sponsored professional boxing card before 744 fans in the Holiday Inn West ballroom.

Unfortunately the scheduled eight round bout went only three rounds with Middleton being awarded a fourth-round technical knockout when Rodriguez could not answer the bell due to a severe cut above the right eye.

Both men were willing to mix it up, but Middleton kept crowding Rodriguez and using his head. Rodriguez, who had been stopped on a cut about a month earlier in Scranton, was covered with blood when the third round ended.

Not only was Rodriguez cut above the right eye, but he also had two smaller cuts on the left cheekbone. The loss dropped Rodriguez's record to 5-3 and raised some doubts whether he would continue his career as result of having received bad cuts in three straight bouts.

For Middleton, who has a woman second among his corner crew, it was his 10th win in 14 bouts, seven by knockouts.

On the undercard, Willie Rodriguez (138) of Allentown, Pennsylvania, won a unanimous six-round decision over Ron Branch (138) of Wilmington, Delaware; Ruben Lopez (148), of Warminster, Pennsylvania, scored a third round TKO over Eddie (Flash) Tomlin (149), of Philadelphia; Billy Abel (130) won a unanimous six-round decision over Carlos Duprey (130) in a battle of Philadelphians; Darryl Lampkin (151) of Philadelphia gained a split four-round decision over Steve Michalerya (149) of Allentown and Billy Perez (160) of Camden, N.J., made a successful professional debut with a split four-round decision over Ed Garvey (160), of Philadelphia.

Willie Rodriguez worked over a rusty Branch with the latter receiving cut over the left eye and a welt beneath it. Lopez won his seventh straight bout without a loss when referee Dick Woehrle halted the bout after the third round when Tomlin's right eye was closing. Lopez had been in command right from the start. Abel and Duprey received the biggest hand of the night for their hard-fought bout. Both were willing to mix it up and Abel was very quick with his hands. Michalerya was handed his first loss after four wins by Lampkin, who had a big reach advantage and used his left to good advantage. Perez came on strong late to defeat Garvey, who rocked the rookie with three good lefts and a right to the jaw in the final round. But Perez had come out swinging in the final round, using a good jab, and shook off the effects of several good Garvey punches.

MONROE OVER MARSHALL IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Middleweight star Willie "The Worm" Monroe got an unexpectedly rough workout en-route to a seventh-round technical knockout over mismatched Felton Marshall, of California, at the Spectrum.

The Philadelphia contender was a class above Marshall and it showed.

Although Willie won every round, he did not have an easy time. Marshall indulged himself in repeated low blows plus an occasional elbow or shoulder. Despite several warnings from referee Tom Reed, Felton continued to foul in a vain attempt to hold Monroe at bay.

Monroe, 161, fought an aggressive fight, taking the fight to his adversary. He worked well on the inside with sharp hooks and uppercuts to Marshall's head and body.

Marshall, 160½, began to bleed from the mouth in the fourth and had been reduced to a punching bag when the ref called a halt at 1:37 of the seventh.

It was another good showing by "The Worm" and upped his record to 34-3-1 with 23 early endings. Marshall is now 11-10-6.

In the fight that everybody came to see, Mike Everett scored a hard-fought 10-round decision over Puerto Rican Miguel Barreto.

Everett, 141, fought a smart fight, letting his older opponent force the action while he picked his spots and countered effectively.

A good solid right to the chin floored Barreto for a manditory 8-count in the fifth round. Everett was credited with another knockdown in the eighth when referee Hank Cisco mistook a push for a punch.

Barreto, 140½, was in the fight all the way but had trouble coping with Mike's hand and foot speed.

All in all it was Everett's best performance to date and showed that he is now fighting with his head as well as his heart. The South Philadelphian is now 17-2-1 with 8 KO's. Barreto slipped to 28-8-5 with 5 KO's.

The third ten saw Baby Kid Chocolate remain unbeaten with a unanimous decision over Texan Tony Rocha. It was win number 15 for the local bantam.

Chocolate, 117½, stalked the fleet-footed Rocha for the first 8-rounds, scoring with hard right hands to the head along the way. The bout was a one-sided bore until Rocha, 121, woke up and started punching back to take the last two rounds.

Lynwood "Honeyboy" Snowden, 125, took a six-round decision over Ernest Bing, 128. Both men missed hundreds of punches in this sloppy match that looked more like a draw to this reporter.

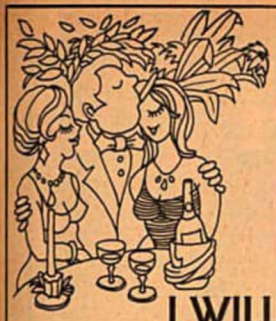
Randolph Scott, 146, turned pro with a third-round TKO over the oft beaten Nikita Tarhocker, 153. Nikita was never in the fight against the former local amateur star.

Al Yasbeck, 175, and Charlie Stern, 170, entertained the fans with four-rounds of hectic brawling. The nod went to Yasbeck.

▲Philadelphia, Pa. — The City of Brotherly Love welcomed a new boxing club to the area with the opening of the Wagner Ballroom for fights. Neophyte promoter Barry McCall was encouraged by the crowd of 800 and plans to run on a regular basis at the 1,200 seat air-conditioned venue. McCall is the nephew of local boxing commissioner Howard McCall.

The eight-round main event was the only sour note. Local middleweight Steve "Flasher Ishibashi" Smith KO'd Roger Phillips in 1:42 of the first round of a total mismatch. Phillips had lost 11 of his last 12 starts.

Smith, 161½, dumped Phillips, 164½, with a pretty left hook for the first of two knockdowns. A right hand put the inept New Englander down for keeps.



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I will make you appear to be a millionaire . . . in just four weeks! I will teach you how to GET SMART AND LIVE GREAT! I will teach you how to capitalize on human nature, human emotions and human greed. I will teach you to open previously locked doors, create unlimited opportunities and place yourself upon the glittering path to financial prosperity and success. I will help you to acquire and enjoy all the marvelous things in life you've always dreamed of having but felt you would never get—like a luxury cruise around the world, a color TV in every room, expensive cars, luxurious homes, beautiful clothes, gourmet foods, cameras, gadgets, you name it. *I will show you how to get it!*

I have learned (the hard way) that it is possible to create the "illusion" of great personal wealth quite easily in today's credit oriented economy. Notice now, that I have used the term "illusion". . . for that is exactly what our entire capitalistic society is based upon.

People, including you and I, believe what they see! We presume a person to be wealthy when seeing his expensive home, high priced cars, well tailored clothes and luxurious lifestyle.

You've probably heard the saying, *"It takes money to make money"* and you probably have also heard the saying, *"You can only borrow money when you have money."* The truth that I will teach you is that in today's economy it only takes "THE ILLUSION OF HAVING MONEY". . . to make money and it only takes "THE ILLUSION OF HAVING MONEY". . . to borrow money. Remember this, in today's financial marketplace, most money transactions are merely bookkeeping entries and nothing usually changes hands but scraps of paper. This is one of the secrets I will reveal to you in great detail!

Are you having trouble borrowing money? Making loans? Getting mortgages? Leases? Credit cards? Charge accounts? I will change all that! I will start you on the road to building an AAA+ credit rating that will enable you to get cash, mortgages, houses, property, credit cards, furs, jewelry, airline tickets, just about anything . . . in hours on just your signature or even on the telephone!

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I'll tell you this . . . I call many of my plans "secrets" because I don't think that more than one person in a thousand knows any two of them and perhaps only one person in fifty thousand knows all of them. And believe me, most of my secrets are astonishingly simple, just requiring the right knowledge and a little brains, guts, gumption, time and effort!

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The price of my manual is $10.00 plus your signed pledge that you will not duplicate or otherwise reproduce or resell my secrets.

Now, I know that most of the people who read this letter will not act upon it. They will be suspicious, timid and unmoved by what I have revealed here. They will reject it quickly as some kind of con game or a lot of bull. This is good and this is as things should be, because if there were too many people with enough faith in themselves to act on my *"Smart Money Plans,"* it could be made useless to the rest of us.

So to you who will not act, please accept my thanks. Your indecision and inaction will help make the rest of us rich! I will leave you with this closing statement. Every word in my manual is true! Every technique workable exactly as stated and can be put into immediate operation. I offer my manual to you only once! I have no future discount deals or the like. My offer is $10.00 for the complete manual and you gamble that $10.00 on yourself. There are no refunds and I guarantee you no extra charges or come-ons for additional money. I have absolutely nothing else to sell and, of course, I will keep your name completely confidential.

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Sid Rosen

P.S. I've added a fantastic entire section that will teach you how to *extract gold from your credit cards.* I will teach you to raise your credit card ceiling from $200.00 to $10,000.00 or more in minutes . . . How to raise $5,000.00 in cash in one hour on your credit cards even when you can't get a loan anyplace . . . How to go into debt with your credit cards and end up making seven times your investment . . . Yes, I'll teach you all this and nine more ideas. *You've got gold in your pockets and you may not even know it* . . . BUT YOU WILL LEARN SOON!

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150,000 AT BONAVENA'S FUNERAL IN BUENOS AIRES

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In general, even the most conservative newspapers gave plenty of space to report and comment on the people's grief and sorrow.

Was there elsewhere in the world anything like it concerning a boxer? He got something which many of his colleagues, already forgotten, wanted to receive instead of anonymity, instead of scars and other handicaps, instead of lives that went down the drain . . . but not all can be that lucky . . . .

World champions middleweight Carlos Monzon and light heavyweight Victor Galindez, former world champions Pascual Perez and Horacio Acavallo, ex-President General Agustin Lanusse, former world golf champion Roberto De Vicenzo, soccer stars, theatre, film, radio & TV personalities; Argentina's outstanding came as one to the funeral.

Heavyweight amateur champion of Argentina at the early age of 22, with 15 fights performed and 13 knockouts and only one loss, he went to the United States to continue his victorious career.

It was not that easy to start in the United States. His campaign began only one year after his arrival, in 1963.

By way of promoter John Singer, Bonavena had his first professional chance in a fight against Louis Hicks, whom he knocked out easily. From then on he made his way up to the "big league" till a decision against him by Zora Folley, after Folley had given him a real beating. That loss at least temporarily stopped his chances for a shot at the world title.

Back in Buenos Aires with a certain wealth (he brought back dollars which exchanged to pesos made—even then—a respectable pile) he re-started his career with the world crown as his final objective.

After 42 fights in Argentina, the United States and Europe, he had his first chance for the world crown when an elimination round of bouts took place after Cassius Clay was deprived of his title. Jimmy Ellis won over him by decision in Louisville, on December 2, 1967.

On December 10, 1968, Ringo fought against Joe Frazier in Philadelphia, but lost by decision. Despite this defeat, American critics gave him high marks and future possibilities.

Fighting against Ali, who was again champion of the world, Bonavena performed better than ever, giving Muhammad Ali a rough time in the 4th and 9th rounds, and fell defeated in the 15th.

Of that fight, Ali remembers, "No one ever gave me so much and so hard. No one, either, has come to my dressing room the same night, as he did, to give me his congratulations and say honestly I was a great champion. He invited me to dinner, too, and said to me, thanks, because by boxing with him he won the biggest purse of his life.

"I still remember his thanks gleaming in the eyes of this big boy full of muscles, happy he had the guts to fight me all the way, and carrying with great dignity his defeat, assured that he had fought bravely till the last . . . And my aching body couldn't deny it either!"

The latest reports placed him 7th in the WBC's world rating of his category. The international wire services disclosed not long ago that there was a possibility for him to get a new try for the world crown.

Always dressed ostentatiously, a big cigar in his mouth, Bonavena's way of being showed two personalities, the extrovert-eccentric given to the most unusual, and the big boy, simple in his feelings, worshipper of his aged mother, a good brother and, mainly, the old Italian family stock type. The seventh of nine children, his sudden death leaves a wife and two offspring, Adriana Nancy (12) and Natalio Oscar (8).

His philosophy of life was simple. "You know why I take things jokingly," he once confided to a newsman, "because I lived to the full, I suffered the worst from poverty, and I learned to know people. That's why I always turn to the funny side of things."

On another occasion he said, "People don't understand me at all. They don't understand that my life is like a script, like a film. On one side of the fence the good boy, on the opposite, the villain. For them I seem to be playing always the villain's bit!"

Raul Gorosito, the present Argentine heavyweight champion, paints a veritable portrait of his friend Bonavena.

Besides having admired Ringo since childhood and being his first training collaborator, he was his last opponent in Argentina. "Ringo," he said, "played the role of a braggart; new, biggest, shining car, Havannah cigar angled belligerently in his mouth, always walking as though the world strode with him. All that was a great lie, because the real Bonavena was only known by a few, and it's that memory he left us."

World light heavyweight champion, Argentine Victor Galindez, who just came back from Johannesburg where he made a defense of his title against American Richie Kates, remembers vividly the paralyzing impression he received when he knew of Bonavena's killing.

"I was Ringo's sparring partner once, and from then on we were great pals. Promoter Tito Lectoure told me the bad news after the fight, meanwhile a doctor was stitching my wounded brow. I was so shocked by the news that I didn't feel the pain all through the operation. My mind and my feelings were concentrated on my soul's pain."

The feelings of these two peers tell the story of how very much Bonavena will be missed.

Oscar Natalio Bonavena had his first fight as a professional January 3, 1964 and his last February 26, 1976 in Reno, Nevada. His boxing campaign since 1964 adds 68 bouts which he won 44 by KO, 13 by decision. Lost 6 by decision, 2 for disqualification and 1 by knockout. He won a tie up in one match.

His matches with American and European fighters were:

Louis Hicks	Jan. 3, 1964	New York	Won KO
Everett Copeland	Feb. 2, 1964	New York	Won KO
Wendell Newton	Mar. 3, 1964	New York	Won KO
Leslie Borden	Apr. 5, 1964	New York	Won KO
Byron Stoimenides	Apr. 23, 1964	New York	Won KO
Tom McNeeley	Aug. 8, 1964	New York	Won KO
Dick Wipperman	Nov. 13, 1964	New York	Won by dec.
Billy Stephan	Dec. 12, 1964	New York	Won KO
Zora Folley	Feb. 28, 1965	New York	Lost by dec.
Billy Daniels	Nov. 13, 1965	Buenos Aires	Won KO
George Chuvalo	Jun. 24, 1966	New York	Won by dec.
Joe Frazier	Sep. 21, 1966	New York	Lost by dec.
Amos Johnson	Oct. 21, 1966	Buenos Aires	Won by dec.
Karl Mildenberger	Sep. 16, 1967	Frankfurt	Won by dec.
Jimmy Ellis	Dec. 2, 1967	Louisville	Lost by dec.
Lee Carr	Apr. 20, 1968	Buenos Aires	Won KO
Zora Folley	Jul. 7, 1968	Buenos Aires	Won by dec.
Leotis Martin	Sep. 7, 1968	Buenos Aires	Won by dec.
Jimmy Fletcher	Nov. 11, 1968	Buenos Aires	Won KO
Joe Frazier	Dec. 10, 1968	Philadelphia	Lost by dec.
Von Homburg	Jun. 20, 1969	Berlin	Won KO
James Woody	Jul. 4, 1970	Buenos Aires	Won KO
Cassius Clay	Dec. 12, 1970	New York	Lost KO
Al Lewis	Oct. 4, 1971	Buenos Aires	Won by disqual.
Floyd Patterson	Feb. 2, 1972	New York	Lost by dec.
Leroy Cadwell	Jul. 23, 1973	Philadelphia	Won KO
Roy Wallace	Aug. 8, 1973	Las Vegas	Won KO
Loy Baley	Aug. 15, 1973	Las Vegas	Won by dec.
Terry Sorell	Nov. 20, 1973	Las Vegas	Won KO
Ron Lyle	Mar. 10, 1974	Denver	Lost by dec.
Rudy Middleton	Jul 11, 2974	Baltimore	Won by dec.
Larry Renault	Jul. 21, 1974	Rome	Won KO
Gay Bashburn	Sep. 21, 1974	Rome	Won KO
Oliver Wright	Oct. 19, 1974	Rome	Won KO
Mame Vaka	Nov. 12, 1974	Baltimore	Won KO
1975 (*)			
Billy Joiner	Feb. 26, 1976	Reno	Won by dec.

(*) In 1975 he fought only one match. In Buenos Aires against Raul Gorosito, Argentine heavyweight champion, which Bonavena won by decision.

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GARY SUMMERHAYS KO'S WAGNER

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Voo Doo Averette, 149½, Akron, KO'ed Cisco Oliver, 151½, Chicago, at Hull, Quebec, at 1:26 of round three.

▲Buckingham, Quebec, Averette, 150, won a 10 round unanimous decision over D.C. Walker, 159, Hartford, Conn.

▲Berea, Ohio, Baldwin-Wallace College Field House. Ed Sweeny, promoter.

Gary Summerhays, 173, Brantford, Ont., KO'ed Billy Wagner, 177, Euclid, Ohio, at 1:44 of round seven.

James Parks, 163, Cleveland, won an 8 round decision over Alfonso Aguirre, 161, San Antonio.

Henry Terrill, 175, Cleveland, won 6 round split decision from Gary Alexander, 175, Alliance.

Ronnie Pettigrew, 145, Cleveland, boxed a 6 round draw with Terry Summerhays, 149, Brantford, Ont.

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